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USCIS: No plan to establish detention center in CNMI

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement does not have plans to establish a new detention facility in the CNMI and won't discuss whether it will increase its staffing right before or after Nov. 27 when non-residents who fail to find an employer to petition them for a Commonwealth-only worker classification lose their status and face deportation from the islands.

Lori K. Haley, public affairs officer with ICE out of California, said ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations Division recently signed a contract to relocate its administrative offices on Saipan to a building that will better facilitate the division's day-to-day operations, but it will not have an overnight detention area.

"Like most law enforcement

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1-month vigil for parole in place for all begins today

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United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed said yesterday that at 12 noon today, they will start a peaceful vigil in front of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office in Garapan. He said the rally will continue until Nov. 27.

Syed said the rally seeks to press USCIS or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to grant parole in place "for all legal alien workers in the CNMI until Congress initiates action to grant improved immigration status" to foreign workers on the islands.

"Even those who will be applied for CW [Commonwealth-only worker] status, we ask

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JAPANESE AUTUMN FESTIVAL CLARISSA V. DAVID
Katori Jingu high priest Rev. Shoji Takahashi is flanked by local government officials and members of the Japanese Society of Northern Marianas after a ceremony celebrating the Japanese Autumn Festival at the Sugar King Park on Saturday.

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CNMI hails Obama's decision to bring home troops from Iraq

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President Barack Obama's announcement on Saturday in Washington, D.C. that virtually all U.S. troops will come home from Iraq by the end of the year is welcome news to many in the CNMI, which has lost 14 sons and daughters in military service since the war against terror started in 2003.

"After nearly nine years, America's war in Iraq will be over," Obama said in his weekly address.

Obama said as the U.S. removes the last of its troops from Iraq, it is also beginning to bring troops home from Afghanistan.

Janine Camacho, 24, wishes that her husband, Army Sgt. Billy Joe Camacho, comes home for Christmas.

Sgt. Camacho was deployed to Iraq two years ago, and is currently stationed

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Tinian Health Center resident director fired

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Department of Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez fired Tinian Health Center resident director Ray Dela Cruz for still unknown reasons, according to highly placed sources.

Dela Cruz is the son of Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz and his contract was supposed to expire in April 2012.

Saipan Tribune learned that the resident director was informed by his chief of staff, Freddy Hofschneider, a day prior to the effective date of his "termination" or on Oct. 1.

Villagomez

Sources revealed that Dela Cruz received verbal notification from Hofschneider, citing a memorandum issued by the DPH secretary ordering the removal of the director.

Hofschneider confirmed yesterday to *Saipan Tribune* his appointment as acting director for 30 days. However, he refused to disclose any other details about Dela Cruz's removal from office except for citing that the action was related to the enforcement of the new healthcare corporation. Hofschneider, who promised to provide a formal response to *Saipan Tribune*, said all questions now are directed to the health secretary.

Villagomez was contacted by *Saipan Tribune* last Friday but he has yet to respond to inquiries.

Sources privy to the issue revealed that Dela Cruz was caught by surprise on the decision of the health secretary and tried several times to contact Villagomez, but to no avail. As of yesterday, sources added that no clarification or clear reason was given for Dela Cruz's ouster.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. took effect last Oct. 1 and it assumed the functions and duties of Commonwealth Health Center, Rota and Tinian health centers, Women's Clinic, Children's Clinic, Community Guidance Center, inter-island medical referral services, and other clinics, operations and function of the DPH as may be transferred to the corporation by the health secretary.

The corporation will be headed by a seven-member board which will select a chief executive officer.

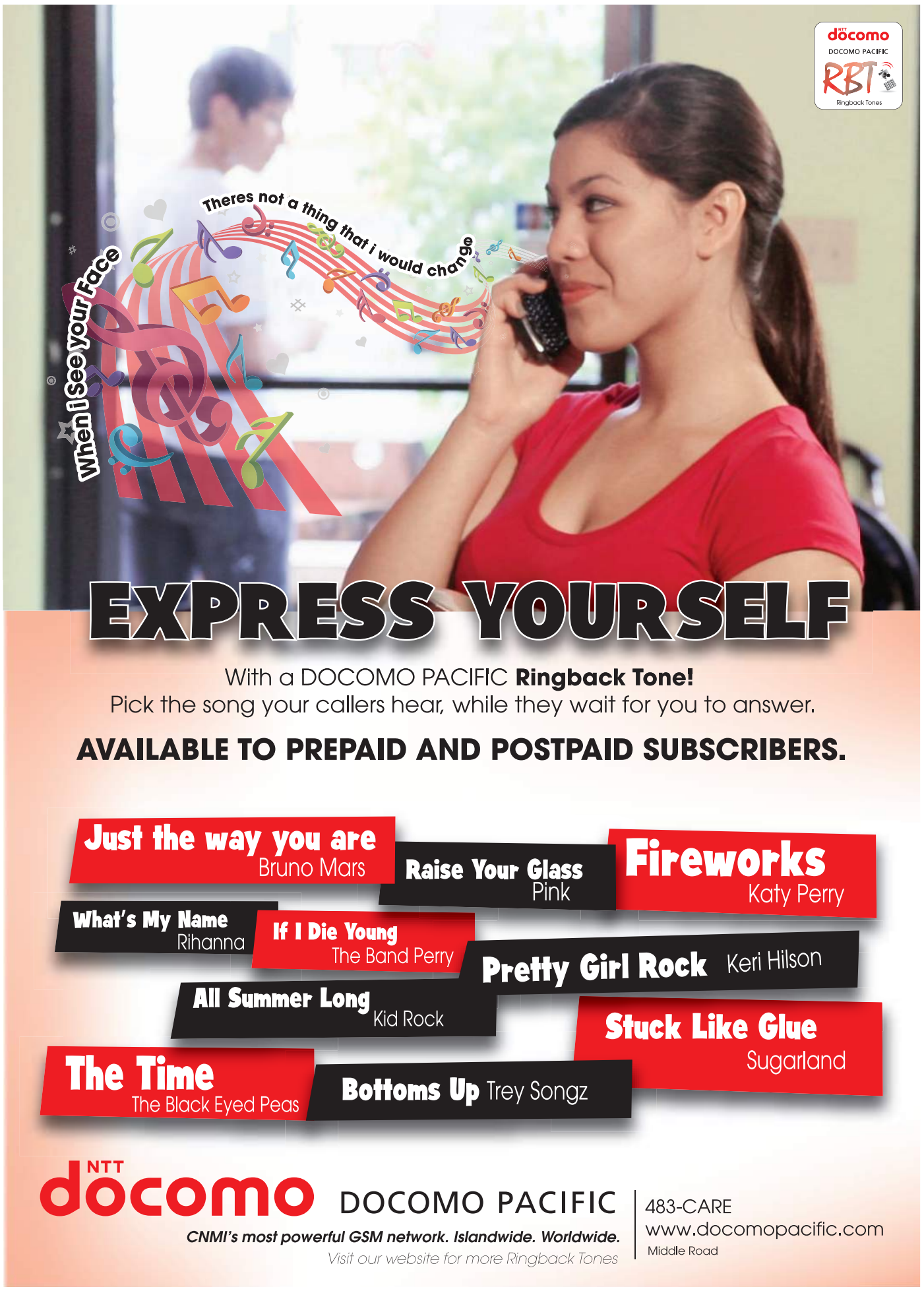
Last Thursday, then acting governor Eloy S. Inos emphasized that the corporation will be entirely separate from the function and duties of the Department of Public Health which will remain under the supervision of health secretary Villagomez and will be under the direct watch of the executive branch.

DPH, according to Inos, will handle preventive programs mostly are federally funded—a reason it was allocated a budget under the appropriation law for FY 2012.

It was in January 2009 when P.L. 16-51, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Act of 2008, was signed. The objective was to establish a corporation to allow management more flexibility and authority to independently meet the acute and long-term healthcare needs of the people. It also aimed to increase the financial self-sufficiency of the DPH.

In an earlier interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Villagomez said that about 600 personnel in CHC, Rota and Tinian health centers are being absorbed by the corporation and cited that all employment contracts—including those expiring—will be kept by the corporation to ensure the smooth transition in operation.

Saipan Tribune learned that Dela Cruz's employment was so far the only one "terminated" by the DPH secretary.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Chamber says it opposes medical marijuana bill

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is opposing a bill seeking to legalize marijuana for medicinal purpose.

"Marijuana is against the law in the CNMI, and SCC believes it should stay that way," Chamber president Douglas Brennan said in an Oct. 18 letter to Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan).

Iguel, chair of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, is seeking comments on Rep. Stanley Torres' (Ind-Saipan) House Bill 17-213 which seeks to legalize for medicinal use.

But Brennan said the bill's title which says "and for other purposes" causes the greatest concern for the Chamber.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in the CNMI with some 150 members.

Brennan said the Chamber has submitted on numerous occasion comments not supporting the legalization of marijuana, the legalization of medicinal marijuana and the use of any and all legislation that would allow for greater access to marijuana for CNMI residents.

"The belief that there are special groups of people that would benefit from easier and legal access to marijuana, in this case by medical prescription, is not supported by SCC. The belief that the legalization of marijuana is a means to economic prosperity in the CNMI is equally refused by SCC," Brennan told Iguel.

Torres, when asked for comment yesterday, said it's "okay" that the Chamber opposes his medical marijuana bill.

"It's okay. I know where the Chamber is coming from," Torres told *Saipan Tribune.*

Chamber's Brennan said there are many reports in the 17 U.S. jurisdictions that all for medicinal marijuana that doctors are merely convenient conduit for recreational marijuana than reports of those doctors seriously treating patients needing only marijuana for specific conditions.

"SCC believes this would be no different in the CNMI…SCC does not support H.B. 17-213 for the legalization of medicinal marijuana," Brennan said.

Torres introduced his medicinal marijuana bill in August this year, some nine months after the Senate killed his bill legalizing marijuana for both recreational and medical uses.

He had said he hopes there will be stronger support this time around from House and Senate members, considering that his bill focuses only on medicinal marijuana.

His latest marijuana legalization bill claims that marijuana is a safe and effective treatment for dozens of conditions, including cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, pain, migraines, glaucoma, and epilepsy.

It says the economic impact of this legalization include the non-incarceration of terminally ill patients and revenue generated from the taxes imposed on the legal sale of medicinal marijuana from licensed, law-abiding suppliers.

9th Circuit: Prosecutors' tactics in human smuggling case highly questionable

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U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Judge Milan Smith Jr. has expressed concern with the tactics used by federal prosecutors which he described as highly questionable in the case against a group of Chinese nationals who attempted to sneak into Guam from Rota using two inflatable boats to seek asylum.

"This is a disturbing case," said Smith, referring to the prosecution of defendants Pingping Zhang, Shixu Huang, Lihua Yi, Zhanshan Zhang, and Jingfan Zhang.

Smith reluctantly concurred with two other Ninth Circuit judges in their decision that affirmed the U.S. District Court for the NMI's convictions of the four defendants for conspiracy to defraud the U.S.

Smith said the prosecutors tactics arguably frustrate Congress' purpose in enacting 18 U.S.C. § 371 (conspiracy to defraud the U.S.), and also undermine the U.S. Sentencing Commission's judgment in establishing a range of reasonable sentences.

"Moreover, they are more consistent with an approach of seeking to obtain a conviction with the longest possible sentence than seeing that justice is done, an approach which is in tension with prosecutors' role as public fiduciaries," Smith said.

Authorities arrested the five defendants in the early morning of Jan. 30, 2010, as they were about to leave the West Harbor dock on Rota for Guam.

The U.S. government initially charged each defendant with one count of attempting to enter the U.S.

Later, the U.S. government obtained an indictment charging each defendant with one count of conspiracy to commit offenses and to defraud the U.S., eluding examination and inspection, and attempted improper entry by an alien.

Defendant Jingfan Zhang, agreed to cooperate with the U.S. government and pled guilty to one count of eluding examination and inspection, a misdemeanor carrying a maximum six-month jail term.

In June 2010, a federal court jury found the four defendants guilty of conspiring to defraud the U.S. The four appealed.

In his concurring order, Smith said the prosecution, however, became aware that an appeal, United States v. Li, which addressed the question of whether defendants performing similar conduct had violated the crime of attempted improper entry by an alien, was pending before the 9th Circuit.

The prosecution, Smith said, preemptively moved just before the trial began to dismiss all charges against each remaining defendant other than the conspiracy to commit offenses and to defraud the U.S.

Smith said during argument, the U.S. government conceded that its fear of the outcome in Li was the reason why it had dropped the attempted improper entry by an alien charges.

The U.S. District Court for the NMI granted the U.S. government's motion, and the case proceeded to trial on the defendants' conspiracy to commit offenses and to defraud the U.S.

In the footnote of his order, Smith said the U.S. government's fear was well founded as the 9th Circuit in Li's case held that the defendants did not violate the offense of attempted improper entry by an alien by attempting to travel by boat from the CNMI to Guam because both places are part of the United States.

Smith said that 9th Circuit holding and reasoning would have required a reversal of any conviction against the defendants in this case for violation of § 1325 (a)(1) (attempted improper entry by an alien).

Smith said at trial, the defendants were all convicted of conspiracy to commit offenses and to defraud the U.S.

Smith noted that even Judge William Alsup was troubled enough about the prosecution's approach to the case.

Smith said although the U.S. government established the necessary elements in this case under the case law, the outcome is very troubling.

Smith said the outcome allows prosecutors to resort to the vaguer provisions of § 371 (conspiracy to commit offenses and to defraud the U.S.) to evade Congress' choice of punishing the conduct described in § 1325(a) as a misdemeanor and the U.S. Sentencing Commission's choices in establishing a sentencing range for §1325(a)

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OAG files 4 charges vs man in gun shooting case

The Office of the Attorney General has charged a man who allegedly assaulted a relative and fired a handgun in As Teo last Oct. 11.

The OAG charged Justin Funkugub, 35, with assault and battery, unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, and disturbing the peace.

Assistant attorney general Shelli Neal stated in the charging information that Funkugub beat up a household member on Oct. 11.

Neal said the defendant was found in possession of a gun and ammunitions without holding a valid firearm identification card.

Funkugub was taken to the Superior Court last Oct. 12. Associate judge David A. Wiseman found probable cause to find the defendant's arrest is justified.

Wiseman imposed a $10,000 cash bail for the defendant's temporary release.

During preliminary hearing last Wednesday, the court found probable cause to warrant the filing of charges against the defendant.

The court ordered Funkugub to answer the four charges.

According to court records, police officers responded to the As Teo area after receiving a call about someone shooting a gun. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Judge Manglona dismisses investor's lawsuit vs atty. Quichocho, landowner

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has dismissed a lawsuit filed by an investor against attorney Ramon K. Quichocho and landowner Joaquin Q. Atalig.

Manglona dismissed with prejudice Sin Ho Nam's lawsuit as well as Quichocho and Atalig's counterclaims against Nam after the parties agreed for such dismissal.

The judge ordered each party to bear its own costs and attorneys' fees.

Attorney Colin M. Thompson, counsel for Nam, and attorney Michael Dotts, counsel for Quichocho and Atalig, have agreed to dismiss the case.

Dotts disclosed to Saipan Tribune last month that his clients have settled Nam's lawsuit.

landowner Joaquin Q. Atalig have settled the lawsuit filed by investor Sin Ho Nam, who obtained on Thursday a favorable ruling from federal court.

Attorney Michael Dotts, counsel for Quichocho and Atalig, told *Saipan Tribune* that the real news is that the case was settled on Friday by District Court Judge Alex Munson who is on island.

"The decision actually did not make much of a difference," said Dotts, referring to a 55-page opinion and order issued by U.S. District Court for the Asked for comment about Bennett's ruling, Dotts said part of the decision favored Nam and part favored Quichocho.

Dotts did not discuss the terms of the settlement.

Nam sued Quichocho and Atalig for breaching a land lease agreement when they terminated a 55-year lease less than two years later despite having already paid $218,000.

NMI visiting judge Mark W. Bennett found Quichocho and Atalig liable to Nam for breach of contract.

Bennett in his order stated that Nam's remedies or question of damages and the entirety of his claim for breach of fiduciary duty against Quichocho will proceed to trial. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

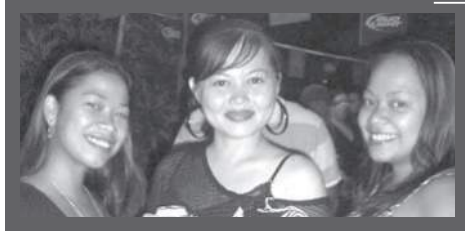
BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Belated happy birthday to William Iglecias Macaranas, who celebrated his birthday on Oct. 23. Wish we were there to celebrate your special day with you… we love and miss you so much! Sending you lots of love from Germany–Tasi , Jolene, and kids.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday to our mom and grandmother, Doris R. Sablan. We wish you all the best on your day. May the Lord continue to bless you with good health and happiness. We love you so much! Greetings come from Lei'ane, Jaydon, Rylee, and Jarrel.



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Happy birthday to Pamela Ann and Polly Ann Dela Cruz and may you both have many more birthdays to come! May today be filled with sunshine and smiles, laughter, and love. Love always, Katie girl!

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that they will also be granted parole in place because we don't know how many will qualify for CW," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

Syed made it clear that while he calls for a peaceful rally, he is also supporting the seven individuals who filed a lawsuit in federal court on Thursday to stop federal officials from implementing the CNMI-only Transitional Worker final rule, describing it as "unlawful."

The plaintiffs—Bonifacio V. Sagana, Manuel T. Vilaga, Gerardo G. De Guzman, Hector T. Sevilla, Carlito J. Marquez, Eduardo M. Elenzano, and Jong Ho Lee—filed the lawsuit *pro se* or without a lawyer. They asked the court to certify their lawsuit as a class action.

Syed is calling on foreign workers and supporters to join the month-long rally, and to bring their own placards stating "what they feel." He is also asking people to donate tents, food, and water to support the vigil.

"This would be a peaceful rally. It doesn't matter whether there's hundreds or six or seven, 24 hours a day until Nov. 27," he said, adding that he got the idea from the "Occupy Wall Street" movement.

Other groups have mixed feelings about Syed's vigil.

Rene Reyes, president of Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd. or Mahal, said while he won't discourage their members or anyone from joining the rally, he also won't ask them to support it either.

"It will be up to anyone to join the rally. As far as Mahal is concerned, we are more in support of the lawsuit that was filed last week. We believe that holding a rally could worsen the situation and might antagonize residents but like I said it will be up to anyone to join or not," Reyes said last night.

Sagana, president of Dekada Movement and one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit against Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, USCIS District Director David Gulick, U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis, and U.S. Department of Labor District Director Terrence Trotter, said yesterday that there's nothing wrong with Syed's call for a peaceful rally.

"We will try to show up and support. This will show that while we might have different ways, we have the same goals," Sagana said.

Syed conceded that U.S. Congress has yet to act on granting improved immigration status for long-term and legal alien workers in the CNMI but these workers should not lose hope.

He said UWM-NMI is aware that a grant of parole in place is on a case by case basis and will depend on DHS.

Hundreds of jobless aliens in the CNMI have difficulty looking for jobs in these tough economic times, and would want more time—beyond Nov. 27—to remain on the island so they could still continue looking for jobs.

Foreigners have until Nov. 27 to find an employer that will file a petition for a CW status for them. After that, they lose their status and could face deportation.

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violations.

"It also allows prosecutors to evade the will of Congress by prosecuting a conspiracy to violate §1325(a) which would be a misdemeanor," Smith said.

Whether to prosecute and what charge to file or bring before a grand jury are decisions that generally rest in the prosecutor's discretion.

"Nevertheless, I pause to inquire whether Congress intended for prosecutors to use the defraud clause of §371 as they did in this case. I question whether it did," Smith said.

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in Afghanistan for one year starting in April this year.

"I want him to come home because it's dangerous out there, but I know he has to do what he has to do. Everyone wants their loved ones home but they have a mission to do," Mrs. Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. They got married in 2007.

Mrs. Camacho said the CNMI welcomes home the troops, and hopes that people will continue to pray for the safety of those who will still be in Afghanistan and other areas outside the U.S.

The war in Iraq claimed the lives of more than 4,400 American lives, and has cost the U.S. Department of Defense nearly $757 billion for military operations over the past decade.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) said the president's decision will put an end to an enormous drain on the nation's financial resources.

"We can no longer afford to spend so much overseas, when our needs here at home are so great," Sablan said in a statement in the wake of Obama's address.

Sablan said "those of us with loved ones, family members, and friends still in Iraq are glad and grateful that the President has made the decision that all our troops will be home for the holidays."

"The Northern Mariana Islands lost 14 of our sons and daughters in military service, since the Iraq War began in 2003. We will always mourn their loss and honor their service. Now, we can be grateful that no more of our brave soldiers will be at risk in Iraq, even as we continue to pray for those who remain at war in Afghanistan," he said.

Ruth Coleman, former executive officer of the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office, said yesterday that Obama's announcement is "good news" for the CNMI, and that the sacrifices made by troops from the CNMI and their families have been "worth it."

"Our troops did not die in vain. Men and women who served and are serving sacrificed so much so that there will be peace in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other places. We honor all their sacrifices," Coleman said.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that the Fitial administration is "very much grateful that the President has made this decision."

"This will certainly be a wonderful gift to families in the coming holiday season. Already, our country has expended an enormous amount of money overseas, but even greater than the value of cash, we have lost too many of our beloved sons and daughters. Right here at home, we have already laid to rest 14 of our own heroes," Demapan said.

He said although the administration can draw a sense of reprieve from this latest announcement, it joins many other families whose loved ones are serving in Afghanistan and other places as they, too, await the day that they will hear a similar decision to draw down troops from there.

"To the families of our soldiers, every single day, we are honored and humbled by the sacrifice that our service members make in the name of our freedom and our country. Because of their valor and determination to preserve liberty and justice, each of us is able to sleep each night and wake up the next day with freedom on our side. As your loved ones currently in Iraq begin the process of winding down and completing their operation, we shall continue to pray that they be kept out of harm's way and that they return home to their families safely," he said.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), for his part, said he wishes the troops a safe and speedy return home.

"And we are forever grateful for the work they do," he added.

Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo, in a statement, said "President Obama fulfilled a promise to America that he would responsibly end the war in Iraq.

"As we look forward to the return of our troops from Iraq, we must ensure that they have health care and support services in the coming years," she said.

Bordallo said she will continue to work with the Obama administration and her colleagues in the House Armed Services Committee "to ensure that our brave men and women return home to communities that will be able to support them with jobs and the health care services they deserve."

"I am grateful for the efforts of our men and women in uniform who helped bring down a tyrant and gave the people of Iraq a chance for freedom and democracy," she added.

Obama's announcement also came after talks that might have allowed a continued major military presence broke down amid disputes about whether U.S. troops would be immune to prosecution by Iraqi authorities, CNN reported.

"The last American soldier will cross the border out of Iraq with their head held high, proud of their success and knowing that the American people stand united in support for our troops," Obama said.

His decision also comes in the wake of the death of Moammar Gadhafi in Libya.

Obama said last year, he announced the end of combat mission in Iraq. He said the U.S. has already removed more than 100,000 troops,and Iraqi forces have taken full responsibility for the security of their own country.

He said when he took office, roughly 180,000 troops were deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"By the end of this year, that number will be cut in half, and an increasing number of our troops will continue to come home," he added.

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facilities, the new office will have secure space for interviewing and briefly holding individuals who are taken into custody by ICE. However, it will not have overnight detention space," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Haley said anyone arrested by ICE who is going to remain in the agency's custody for more than 12 hours will be transferred to ICE's existing contract detention center on Saipan. That center is operated by the CNMI Department of Corrections in Susupe.

Many nonresidents in the CNMI have yet to find an employer that will petition them for a CW status.

Because of this, jobless nonresidents—including those who have been legally working in the CNMI for years but only recently lost their job because of the bad state of the economy—fear federal agencies will look for them and subject them to deportation.

Others are hoping that the so-called "Morton memo" could buy them time to find an employer even after Nov. 27.

ICE director John Morton's memo directs ICE attorneys and employees to "exercise prosecutorial discretion" and refrain from going after non-citizens with close family ties in the U.S., among other things, unless they are criminals or pose a clear risk to national security.

Haley confirmed that the Morton memo covers the CNMI.

"The memo you're referring to, which was issued by ICE Director John Morton in June 2010, provides guidance to ICE personnel agency-wide, including in the CNMI, about the agency's enforcement priorities. Specifically, ICE is focused on smart, effective immigration enforcement that prioritizes efforts to target those who present a risk to public safety or national security, along with criminal aliens and egregious immigration violators," she said.

Rene Reyes, president of Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd. or Mahal, said yesterday that nonresidents should not rely on the application of the Morton memo or on the belief that they won't be deported when they lose their status after Nov. 27 just because they are a threat to national security.

While Reyes hopes that many of the now jobless aliens could find an employer to file a CW status for them by Nov. 27, he also hopes that those who won't be able to do so would think twice about overstaying in the CNMI.

He said another option is applying for a parole in place for humanitarian reason, but he made it clear that this is on a case by case basis.

Bonifacio Sagana, president of Dekada Movement, separately cautioned nonresidents against relying on the Morton memo.

"Once you're out of status, you won't be covered by Kilili's H.R. 1466 or any other proposal to grant improved immigration status for alien workers. You need to have legal status to be covered by HR 1466 or to be granted improved status if there's one," he said.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's HR 1466 proposes a "CNMI-only resident status" for four groups of people, including foreign parents of U.S. citizen children. But Sablan himself said it is impossible for his bill to become law by Nov. 27.

Sagana is among the seven individuals who filed a lawsuit in federal court on Thursday to stop federal officials from implementing the CW rule, describing it as "unlawful." They asked the court to certify their lawsuit as a class action.

Ngirablosch is SAES' outstanding educator

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A 10-year educator and mother of one was hailed San Antonio Elementary School's Teacher of the Year after demonstrating excellence in her craft.

Leora Ngirablosch, a first-time awardee, is a kindergarten classroom teacher for the past eight years. She joined the Octopus family in 2001 as a teacher aide.

After obtaining a degree at Northern Marianas College, Ngirablosch rose from the ranks and joined the classroom teachers' pool.

"It feels really good and this is unexpected," she said.

But more than the recognition and awards, the Teacher of the Year described her everyday dealing with her students as the most "rewarding" part of her job.

"I am a mother of one child plus 32 kindergarteners everyday. I go to the bathroom with them, I changed their clothes, I feed them, I play with them. There's no dull moment when I am with my students and they are a great inspiration. In kindergarten, we never get bored. There's no other grade level that you could sing all day, color all day, play ukulele all day, and count and chat all day," she said.

Ngirablosch said it was an honor to be selected by her peers using standard criteria. SAES is home to 322 students and 15 classroom teachers.

Ngirablosch said it is her goal to see the school continue to succeed by bringing out the potential in its students.

"We build the people of tomorrow. It's not just serving yourself and getting your paycheck. We're building the leaders of our nation. Teaching is also a way of giving back to our community," she said.

SAES, meanwhile, bestowed the Teacher Aide of the Year award to Nolyn Villagomez, who has been serving PSS for eighth years now. Prior to joining SAES, she served in Garapan Elementary School and Kagman Elementary School as teacher aide.

This year marked her second time to receive the recognition the first was in school year 2010-2011.

She told *Saipan Tribune* that it was her five children who motivated her to become an educator.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

San Antonio Elementary School education awardees gather for a group photo. From left are principal James Sablan, Teacher of the Year Leora Ngirablosch, Teacher Aide of the Year Nolyn Villagomez, and Support Staff of the Year awardee Erlinda Alomia.

"I was with my children on the very first day they stepped in to the school. I always wanted to be where they are and that's what motivated me. Now, it's not only about my own children…but all my students," she shared.

Villagomez is assigned at the special education program and she's dealing with children with severe disabilities. Each day, she plays mother to 17 special children.

"I love my job and I enjoy doing it every day. The most enjoyable part of my work? It's getting to know each of my students and seeing them progressing. That's very rewarding for me," she said.

Villagomez expressed her deep gratitude to her peers for making her work easy every day and for appreciating her hard work.

Erlinda Alomia, the school's general helper, was named the school's Support Staff of the Year. The 57-year-old employee has been with SAES since 1990.

Alomia described SAES as her second home and its employees and students—as true members of her family.

Saipan Tribune learned that this is Alomia's third time to receive the recognition and was once hailed for the overall title in 2003.

"I am very proud and very happy that throughout these years, they continue to recognize me. I never expected this but like the first time, this is truly memorable," she said. Alomia is a mother to four children.

SAES principal James Sablan described the three awardees as deserving individuals. The administrator, who just moved to SAES this school year, admitted that Ngirablosch, Villagomez, and Alomia have greatly helped him to familiarize with the school's operation.

Sablan said the three were selected by their colleagues using the rubrics and standards set for each award category.

The principal said education day is a celebration not only to recognize the teachers and employees of the schools, but the stakeholders of education in general. Parents and the community, he said, also play important roles in the success of student learning.

"We look at Education Day not only to recognize teachers and staff but also the parents. It is a celebration for the entire community working toward one goal which is education for our students," added Sablan.

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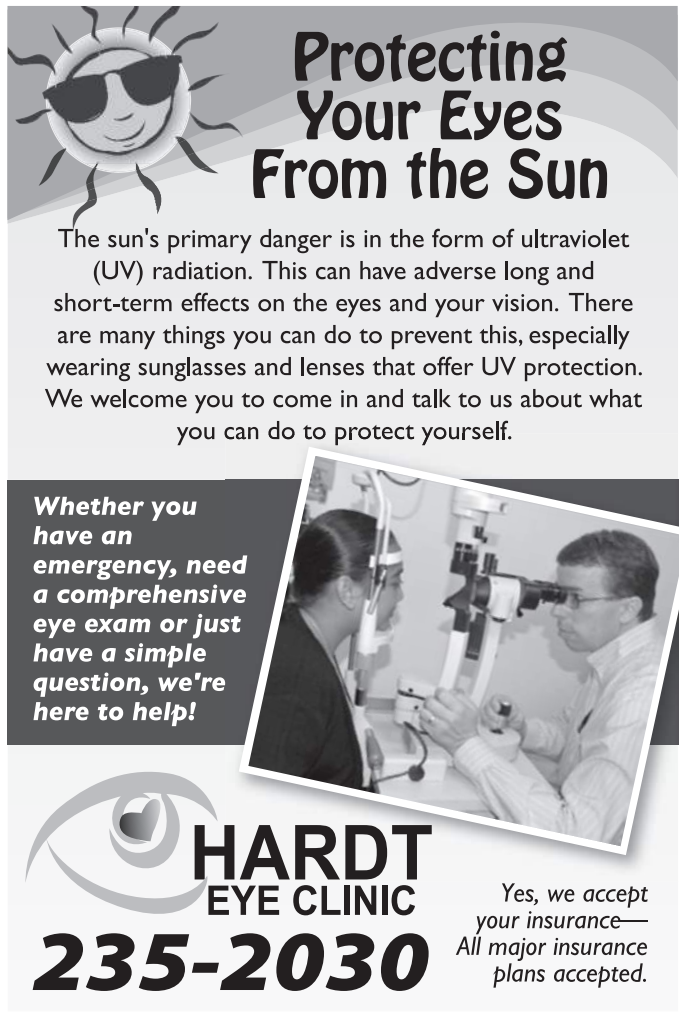
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CUC hopes for favorable action on Telesource contract change

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is counting on the favorable decision of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission on the proposed change in the existing contract of Telesource CNMI Inc., the operator of the CUC Tinian power plant.

CUC deputy executive director Alan Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* that the recommended change order, if not approved, will bring a negative impact to the existing rates estimated at $5.74 per month for 1,000 kWh customer and will hamper CUC's efforts in pursuing renewable energy projects on Tinian.

"CUC's initial analysis showed an impact of $5.74 per month for a 1,000 kWh customer, increasing to $9.93 in the 15th year. This analysis is understated, as since this analysis was prepared, Tinian kWh volume has dropped and we have not had a chance to rework the analysis," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said the change order No. 5 changes how CUC pays Telesource for power on Tinian. Fletcher said currently payments are made primarily on production volume, with a recognition of a fixed capacity fee. The change order No. 5 reverses that equation where the capacity fee raises significantly therefore CUC will pay more of a "fixed-fee" for service.

"On the plus side, this change order allows CUC to pursue renewable energy projects on Tinian, where today we cannot," he said.

In 2010, CUC executed a change order with independent power producer Telesource and that change order was before CPUC for review and possible approval, but the commission was not satisfied with the inquiry. It requested CUC to further supplement the information it provided previously.

Saipan Tribune learned that CPUC's consultant, Georgetown Consulting, strongly opposes this proposed change order and earlier cited that if this is approved, it will cost CUC customers some $33 million, based on its testimony last year.

It said the change order No. 5 will cost CUC customers approximately $33 million over the 15-year term of the change order if approved by the CPUC and customers would see their monthly bills rise—for each 1,000 kWh per month of consumption, customers would immediately see a $6.92 increase. It said that if approved, the Tinian plant will be the least loaded power plant but will be the most expensive to operate on a day-to-day basis. The cost in the first year will result in customers being required to pay $1.5 million.

It urged the commission to reject the request, based on last year's testimony of Georgetown.

Saipan Tribune learned that the proposed change order would modify the monthly payment structure by increasing the quality management fee from $50,000 to $198,000 and reducing the production fee from 3.0 cents to 2.39 cents per kWh. It also proposes to extend the term of the agreement to 15 years, with a provision that CUC could reduce it to five years if CUC determines that fossil fuel generation is no longer needed, which is a highly unrealistic situation, according to Georgetown.

Also included in the change order request is the elimination of the existing $6 million buyout provision of the contract and passing on to CUC the cost of lube oil, estimated at about $300,000 per year.

Georgetown earlier said that the buyout option, currently at $6 million, is also more economical than change order No. 5, although there is a question as to where CUC would obtain the $6 million to fund the buyout provision.

Additionally, the proposed change order reimburses Telesource at cost plus 15 percent when it performs some delivery system construction requested by CUC, but not otherwise required to be provided by Telesource under the agreement. It also grants Telesource an exclusive power production arrangement for all future petroleum-based power production.

Teenager gets 72-hour jail term for playing with lighter

The Superior Court has slapped a 72-hour jail term against a teenager who acted as if she was going to set on fire their kitchen table.

Associate judge David Wiseman sentenced the 19-year-old Kaholani Lynn Hocog to three months in jail, all suspended except for the 72 hours that she already served in prison.

Wiseman placed Hocog on probation for six months and ordered her to perform 50 hours of community work service.

The judge required the defendant to complete anger management counseling and submit to an alcohol and drug assessment.

Hocog was ordered to pay a $100 fine and $25 court assessment fee, plus a probation fee.

Wiseman said upon successful completion of the sentence, Hocog will be discharged and the judgment of conviction will be vacated.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Hocog with assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

The defendant pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace. The OAG dismissed the remaining charge.

The plea agreement stated that on April 7, 2011 on Saipan, Hocog threw pillows at her sister and her sister's children.

The defendant then acted as if she was going to set the kitchen table on fire.

Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that a patrol police officer responded to a residence in Dandan on April 7 at 10:31pm after receiving a call about a disturbance.

The officer learned that Hocog had a fight with her sister and later played with a lighter as if she was attempting to burn the kitchen table. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the general public, businesses, non-government organizations, governments agencies, homeowners, and any affected individuals that the Department of Public Safety, Commonwealth Fire Division, Fire Prevention and Arson Investigation Unit has updated its fire code fees and fines and will begin the permitting process and enforcement of Public Law 11-56, "Commonwealth Fire Safety Code Act of 1988". Effective November 11, 2011.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC BID#: IFB 12-NMC-001

MAINTENANCE MANPOWER SERVICES

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of Maintenance Manpower Services for the As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Wednesday (Oct 19th, 2011) between the hours of 8: 30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Bid Packages are due no later than 4:00 p.m., November 03, 2011, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is available to local businesses for this procurement.

For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the IFB via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho (anitac@nmcnet.edu).

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

Approved by the following:

/s/ Anita Camacho
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/s/ John D. Guerrero
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Admin promises to settle $3M unremitted allotments to PSS

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REPORTER

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos acknowledged on Thursday that the central government has an outstanding debt of over $3 million to the Public School System, representing unremitted allotments for its personnel cost in fiscal year 2011.

From an original appropriation of $32 million for PSS last fiscal year, the amount was reduced to $28 million after an across-the-board budget reduction. PSS finance director Richard Waldo said that of the reduced budget, only $25 million was actually received by PSS—short of $3 million. He described the amount as "rollover" funds that should be added to this fiscal year's budget.

Inos

Although the administration acknowledged its debt to PSS, Inos admitted to *Saipan Tribune* that he cannot give a definite timeframe as to when this will be actually paid.

"Yes, we owe them that amount… and whatever is owed will still have to be paid," he told *Saipan Tribune* during the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Puerto Rico transmission and distribution waterline project Thursday.

The acting governor added that they have no intention to prolong the unpaid obligation, but due to the current cash-flow problem of the government, it would be difficult to pay them right away.

"We have no intention of prolonging this…as along as our cash-flow permits," he said.

Besides the $3 million unremitted allotments, Inos also acknowledged the prior year's unpaid obligation to PSS—$1.7 million in FY 2010 budget.

Saipan Tribune learned that PSS and the administration have recently inked a memorandum of understanding indicating that the central government will absorb the utility bills of PSS this school year to offset the $1.7 million debt incurred in FY 2010.

Waldo, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, admitted that PSS is facing a challenging year due to the limited allocation from the local government, which provided the system $30 million for all its personnel and operational costs.

The finance director said PSS is still facing a shortfall of $900,000 for CUC bills this school year, because schools utilized approximately $2.6 million annually in utilities.

Waldo said that PSS is counting on the federal grants and awards that will save the system from its anticipated huge shortfall.

Due to the meager local budget for schools, PSS increased the number of students in classrooms with a minimum of 28 students per teacher. It also froze positions such as vice principals and non-certified posts. Recently, its central offices were transferred to Marianas High School to save on rental and power, amounting to about $300,000 yearly.

OAG files charges against 5 persons who beat up store cashier, 2 other men

The Office of the Attorney General has filed an amended information that charged five persons, including three women, over the beating of a female cashier and two men at a store in Chalan Kanoa.

The first amended information filed by Chief Prosecutor Michael Ernest contained a total of 26 charges against Cheroleen Ray, 20; Arinna A. Reiong, 26; Norna Tipingeni, 22; Anson Sansi, 24; and Mark Rudolph, 25.

Ernest filed the amended information to remove the minor consuming alcohol charge filed against Ray.

This came after Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman found probable cause to all charges against five defendants and dismissed the minor consuming alcohol charge against Ray during Tuesday's preliminary hearing.

The amended information is charging Ray with assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault and battery, two counts of assault and battery, and two counts of disturbing the peace.

Reiong is being charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault and battery, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Tipingeni is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault and battery, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Sansi is facing two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, one count of aggravated assault and battery, two counts of assault and battery, and two counts of disturbing the peace.

Rudolph is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault and battery, assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and attempted robbery.

Police said the cashier was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center for treatment of a broken nose, cheek fracture, and a swelling bruise on her head.

Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that the incident happened at Dhaka Store along Texas Road in the morning last Oct. 8.

When a police officer responded to the scene, the cashier was lying in a pool of blood on the floor.

Preliminary investigation showed that while one of the male victims was standing in front of the store, the three female suspects went. At the time, the cashier was sleeping on a chair.

Ray used the phone and later slammed it on the console. The cashier got up and told Ray not to break the phone.

Ray, however, allegedly started beating up the cashier. The two female suspects along with defendant Sansi joined in the attack on the cashier.

The three female suspects took butane gas and started hitting the cashier with the cans several times.

The male victim went inside to help, but Rudolph stopped him from going in. Ray began punching the male victim.

Rudolph walked toward the cash register and tried to open it.

Sansi also allegedly beat up and threw a can of soda on a male customer, who was trying to stop the female suspects from assaulting the cashier. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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CUC-RFEI-12-001

Requests for Expressions of Interest
For the Purchase or Operation of Public Utilities
(A Non-Binding, Informal Market Survey)

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), a public corporation, is interested in the potential for privatization of its services. Desired is for interested firms, individuals, or groups to present an "Expression of Interest" for the privatization and/or transfer of CUC Utility Services. Expressions of Interest may include in whole, in part, or in business sector: direct purchase, operating contract schemes, and/or utility agency or co-operative formation(s) for the Electrical Power Generation Systems, Electrical Transmission and Distribution Systems, and Water and Wastewater Utility Services.

The Request for Expressions of Interest is an exploratory project in order to survey market interest in owning and/or operating the utility. It is not intended to be a formal or informal procurement process and CUC does not express or imply that any future procurement and/or acquisition process will occur, or that any preference will be given to those replying.

The CUC invites suitably qualified utility owners and operators with proven records of accomplishment in power generation, transmission, distribution, and water and wastewater utility ownership and operations to submit an EOI to purchase and operate the referenced CUC operations and facilities. CUC will review all Expressions of Interests received, and based in part on these submittals, will decide on whether to pursue privatization further. This EOI is an exploratory survey of market interest only.

The CUC-RFEI-12-001 packet will be e-mailed, upon request, to all interested offeror, by the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:30 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted by hand or courier in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFEI-12-001" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on December 16, 2011 (ChST). Late submission will not be considered.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) local time on December 12, 2011 to Alan Fletcher, Deputy Director for Water/Wastewater via email alan.fletcher@cucgov.org; Manuel B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email msablan@cucgov.net; and Ms. Janina Muna, CUC Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika.muna@cucgov.org. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective respondents who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-048

Geothermal Energy Development on Saipan, CNMI
ADDENDUM NO. 1

Dated: September 2, 2011

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is issuing the following amendments to CUC-RFP-11-048, Geothermal Energy Development, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marina Islands:

- The initial Scope-of-Work and Proposal Solicitation Notice for CUC-RFP-11-048 has been amended. All registered prospective Offerors will be provided with a complete copy of the amended Scope-of-Work & Proposal Solicitation Notice;
- The deadline for submission of proposals has been extended from September 6, 2011 to November 15, 2011;
- The deadline for submission of inquiries has been extended to November 1, 2011.

Stage 1, Geothermal Gradient Project

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to collect and evaluate scientific data to better determine the potential for development of geothermal energy on Saipan. Available information suggests that the geothermal gradient beneath Saipan may be sufficiently steep to develop geothermal energy to generate electricity.

The technical complexity of the Project and the need to collect and evaluate extensive data will require the successful Proposer to provide the expertise from various professional disciplines, conduct exploratory drilling, and provide equipment and materials necessary to complete the Scope of Work.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of $ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **September 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original, Six (6) copies, and one (1) digitized version (PDF) must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-048 "Saipan Geothermal Development Project" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **November 01, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Dr. James Quick, CNMI Energy Advisor and Consultant via email address jquick@smu.edu. ; Mr. Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director -Power via email address wallon59@yahoo.com and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications of prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ALAN FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Robbery suspect to plead guilty

A 20-year-old man who along with an ex-convict was arrested last April for allegedly beating up and robbing a 65-year-old masseur, has signed a plea agreement with the government.

Joshua Basaliso and counsel entered a plea bargain. Under the agreement, he will plead guilty to assault and battery.

As part of the agreement, the Office of the Attorney General will recommend the dismissal of the remaining charges of robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, and disturbing the peace.

Superior Court associate judge David Wiseman set the change of plea hearing for Oct. 31, 2011 at 1:30pm.

Under the plea agreement, the OAG will recommend a 90-day jail term, with credit for time already served in jail.

The victim, Guoxi Liang, a Chinese national, sustained multiple injuries in the face and head. His right eye had massive swelling.

Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that a witness heard ex-convict Nestor Taitano suggesting to Basaliso that they beat up the "Chinese guy" because he had a lot of money.

Taitano and Basaliso then walked to Liang, who was sitting outside his house next to Sunrise Store in San Antonio, and allegedly beat him up. Taitano then allegedly took the victim's wallet containing less than $100 cash. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- **CARMEN T. ANDON and SAMUEL M. ANDON,** Defendants.	**CIVIL CTION NO. 11-0042** **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 14, 2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 011 G 308, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 797 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 06 dated December 9, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4414, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 18th day of October, 2011:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

Flashback
A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 24, 2000

PSS employees get salary increase
The Public School System has began disbursing staff compensation adjustments to qualified employees after two years of running without salary increases due to austerity measures put in place by the present administration. More than 600 PSS principals, vice principals, and staff are recipients to the one-step or 3 to 5 percent salary increases being given out this month. Due to technical glitches, however, half of the eligible recipients have yet to receive the salary raise, according to the PSS budget office. "Since the time we had our new financial system, we have not been giving out raises. . .we're just experiencing some technical problems," said PSS acting Fiscal Budget Officer Bill Matson.

NIMO pushes for passage of 3 legislation
The Northern Islands Mayor's office has pressed anew lawmakers to act on three pending legislation envisioned to benefit residents of the remote islands as well as the Commonwealth's tourism industry. Northern Islands Mayor Joseph T. Ogumoro said passing the proposed initiatives is the least the Legislature can to do to assist Northern Islands residents resettle safely to the islands and become active and contributing members of the Commonwealth family. Tailored to foster developments in the islands of Anatahan, Sarigan, Alamagan, Pagan, Agrigan and Asuncion, the mayor underscored it is about time that the government set the initiatives into motion, citing that in its Capital Improvement Projects agenda for the whole Commonwealth, the Northern Islands has been inadvertently overlooked.

Oct. 24, 2001

New law bans phosphates use in NMI
Eight weeks after being passed by the Legislature, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio scored one point for Mother Earth after signing into law a measure that would prohibit the use of cleaning agents containing phosphates in the CNMI. Besides banning the sale, manufacture, distribution, and use of detergents containing phosphate, House Bill 12-167 also grants the Division of Environmental Quality the power to pass rules and regulations necessary to regulate the sale and use of phosphorus base chemicals. The measure, primarily authored by Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho, now goes down the CNMI statutory books as Public Law 12-66. Before this, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands had been actively lobbying for the passage of the bill.

WRO fails to act on OPA recommendations
More than two years after the Washington Representative's Office (WRO) was audited, some questionable practices found by the Office of the Public Auditor remain unresolved, giving rise to questions about the Office's conviction to implement the audit recommendations. The OPA has confirmed that, in particular, one recommendation enjoining Washington Rep. Juan N. Babauta to collect on the money he loaned to his employees from his representation funds remains open. The OPA defines an open recommendation as one where no action or plan of action has been made by the department or agency being audited. The OPA said that, based on their latest recommendation tracking system, there is still a balance of $3,150.25 that remains to be collected from the money that Babauta loaned out from his representation funds.

Oct. 24, 2002

OPM, lawmakers take shot at solving PL 13-1 dilemma
The Office of Personnel Manager and the Legislature, together with the Babauta administration, sat down yesterday in an attempt to resolve the issue on the advance notices that would have terminated the services of at least 354 CNMI government employees. The sparse attendance, however, of House of Representatives lawmakers forced the group to hold off on making any final decisions until they could meet again at an unspecified date. Gov. Juan N. Babauta later told reporters that the meeting was intended to bring together members of the Legislature and Office of Personnel Management Director Juan I. Tenorio to clarify certain steps that he has to take in relation some provisions in Public Law 13-1 that affect both civil service and excepted service contract employees.

CPA wants financial relief in place of port fee waiver
The Commonwealth Ports Authority is seeking the Tinian Legislative Delegation's assistance for a financial relief in lieu of the granting of the passenger fee waiver request. This, according to CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas, would help the ports authority to effectively operate the Tinian seaport despite the anticipated reduction in revenue due to the requested waiver on passenger fee. Salas said the Tinian delegation proposal will be taken up in the upcoming CPA Board meeting. "The Board has to consider carefully the financial relief and where to get the funds."

Koblerville basketball court has new boards, rims

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REPORTER

Residents of MIHA Housing in Koblerville will now be able to utilize their basketball court after the Saipan Mayor's Office donated boards and balls.

Mayor's office staff replaced the old boards with the new ones last Friday. They also installed the rims donated by lawyer and basketball player Bruce Berline.

Mayor Donald G. Flores, in an interview, said they saw the dilapidated condition of the boards as they made rounds in the southern village for the dog control program.

"I think the basketball court has been bare for five years so we thought of doing something for the MIHA Housing community," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Flores said he first consulted with the Northern Marianas Housing Corp., which is in charge of the housing project, to see if they have any funding for it but was told that there was none.

He said they used spare wood used during one of the Liberation Day festivities in making the boards. Meanwhile, Berline decided to donate the rims and Elias Rangamar of the Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands donated balls.

"I want the residents here, especially the youth, to make use of this basketball court to promote health and fitness as well as minimize crimes," said Flores.

The mayor noted that MIHA Housing leaders Ron Sablan and Mike Nakama Taikichy will be in charge of maintaining the boards, rims, and balls that have been donated to their village.

Sablan and Taikichy, in separate interviews, expressed appreciation for the donation that will allow them to use the basketball court even if it's only during daytime since the facility is not hooked up with electricity for night use.

"The donation is a great help as it will lessen violence and keep the kids busy and off the streets," said Sablan.

Taikichy, for his part, said that they will no longer have to walk the way to the basketball court near the Koblerville Fire Station like they used to just to play the sport.

"We really appreciate what the mayor did for this community," Taikichy said. "This is really for the new generation, our kids here, so they can stay out of trouble."

The mayor added that he will ask both Sablan and Taikichy to regularly check on the basketball court to keep it clean and alcohol free.

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Mayor Donald G. Flores and Northern Marianas Housing Corp. corporate director Joshua Sasamoto are flanked by Mayor's Office staffers and MIHA Housing residents at their basketball court on Friday. Flores donated basketball boards made of recycled wood used in previous Liberation Day festivities. Atty. Bruce Berline donated the rims while Elias Rangamar of the Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands donated the balls.

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Mayor's Office staffers install the basketball board on the court in MIHA Housing in Koblerville Friday morning.

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BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission will conduct a special business meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday October 27, 2011 at Retirement Fund Building Conference Room, Capitol Hill to consider the following amended agenda. Public attendance is welcome. Reports and other documents relevant to the agenda will be available at the meeting for public inspection. Questions regarding the agenda should be referred to Mr. Robert Torres, Esq., who serves as counsel to the Commission's regulatory consultant, at 670-234-5750.

AGENDA

1. **Administrative matters:**
   a. Call to order – confirmation of quorum.
   b. Approval of minutes of October 12, 2011 meeting.
2. **Public comments.**
3. **Telecommunications:**
   a. Docket 11-01: GTA Services LLC's application for certificate of convenience and necessity. Hearing Examiner's October 17, 2011 Memorandum Order.
   b. Hearing Examiner's October 19, 2011 Memo: Inquiry into Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation's rural exemption status under 47 USC § 251(f).
4. **Docket 09-1:** CUC Petition for Approval of USDA Guaranteed Loan.
5. **Other business.**
6. **Adjournment.**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ILC CORPORATION dba LADERA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF SAIPAN, et. al
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 11-0092

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to an Order issued by this Court on August 29, 2011, in which the undersigned was Ordered to levy, execute and sell, in accordance with law, a parcel of real property, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, Defendants' interest in and to the following real property situated in Fina Sisu Village along side Tun Joaquin Doi Road, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as described below.

Tract 22741, (AH 449), located along side of Tun Joaquin Doi Road, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 20,207 square meters more or less, as more particularly described on Division of Lands and Survey's Official Drawing/Cadastral Plat. No.2004/76, filed at the Land Registry Saipan as document number 8257 on May 22, 1979.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale: The sale, open to the general public (including the Defendants), will be held on **Friday, October 28, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.**, at the grounds of Ladera International School of Saipan, Fina Sisu Village, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

DATED this 23rd day of September, 2011.

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US, allies now must aid in Libya recovery

The death of Moammar Gadhafi is the culmination of the remarkable eight-month revolt against his 42-year rule. But it is also a reminder that a new Libya is taking shape, a process in which the United States and its allies must play a constructive role.

Libyans are exulting in the definitive removal of the preening dictator and congratulating themselves on overthrowing him against what once seemed to be overwhelming odds. Their pride is understandable. Gadhafi wasn't just an eccentric; he waged war on his own people and was a sponsor of terrorism. His overthrow was a blessing for the world as well as for Libya.

Of course, the rebels could not have succeeded without months of relentless NATO airstrikes. Charged by the United Nations with establishing a no-fly zone to protect civilians, NATO countries pounded Gadhafi's forces. In effect if not in name, NATO became the rebels' ally.

This page opposed the no-fly zone out of concern that it would lead to deeper U.S. military involvement in Libya, and because no one seemed able to explain why that country was more appropriate for intervention than many other nations ruled by autocrats. We continue to believe, especially in the aftermath of the troubled interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan, that it is essential for the president to carefully and honestly explain to the American people why and to what end the United States is using military force overseas. But it's impossible to quarrel with the major consequence of the Libyan operation: the end of the Gadhafi regime.

The rebels have a long way to go before they can rest. Among the many challenges now facing Libya's transitional government is to prevent bloodshed between pro- and anti-Gadhafi Libyans, and even among the competing factions that fought to overthrow the strongman. Although the situations aren't identical, the strife in Iraq that followed the downfall of Saddam Hussein is an example of how the overthrow of a dictatorship can unleash latent enmities. If the new Libyan government is unable to quell such violence, outside peacekeepers may prove necessary.

A second and longer-term challenge is to establish a democratic and pluralistic society. On Thursday, President Obama said Libya faced a long and winding road to democracy. The United States and its allies can shorten that road by lending expertise to the designers of a new Libyan democracy. But both sides must be mindful that too close an association with Western powers could compromise a new Libyan government's image of independence. Economic aid poses less of a problem. If the United States, Britain and France share in the victory over Gadhafi, they also share in the responsibility to rebuild Libya.

The U.S. intervention in Libya isn't comparable to the commitments in Iran and Afghanistan. But our involvement there nevertheless created an obligation that survives Moammar Gadhafi.

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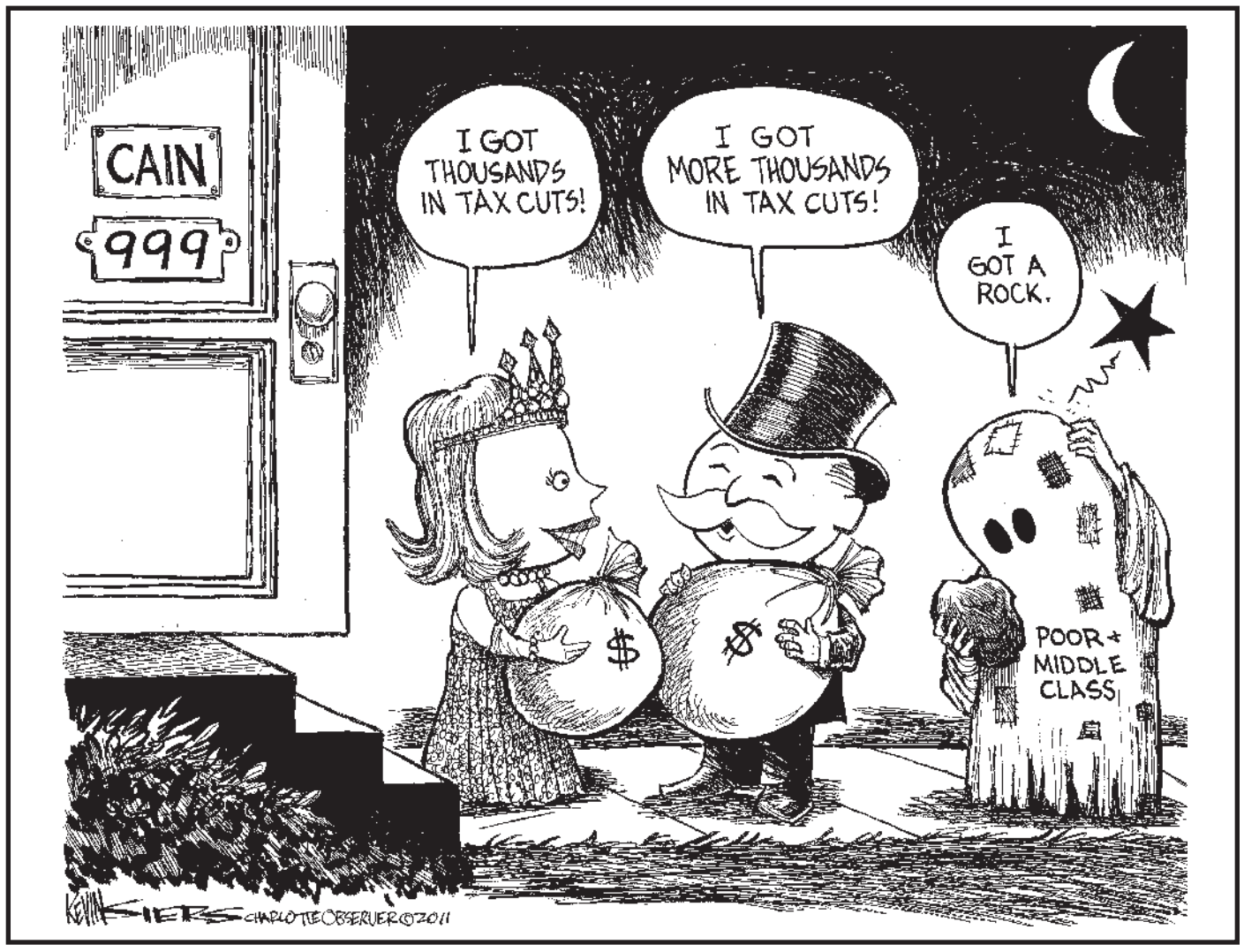
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Producing and trading are the roads to prosperity

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Trading is the main road that many countries use to prosper. The products that are produced in the country are sold to its citizens or traded to another country. This activity creates a two-fold benefit for all the people. On one hand production of goods creates jobs for its citizens. On the other hand money is brought into the country from trading or exporting the produced goods.

Because it is impossible for any one country to produce all the varieties of goods that its citizens demand or require, trading is the best way to satisfy the needs. We in the CNMI must find what products we can plentifully produce and then trade them with other countries.

We have fertile land that can produce many different crops and fruits. How can we grow them profitably? One way is to grow them in quantity and quality. The next step is to search markets to export them to. But we also can add value to the ordinary crops and fruits that we grow thereby adding to its sales prices. Let's examine some ways we can add value to them.

Let's look at the banana and some of its by-products. Banana is amongst the most versatile and most eaten fruits in the world today. Bananas come in a variety of sizes and colors when ripe, including yellow, purple, and red. Depending upon cultivar and ripeness, the flesh can vary in taste from starchy to sweet. Unripe or green bananas and plantains are used for cooking various dishes such as banana pudding and are the staple starch of many tropical populations. Banana sap is extremely sticky and can be used as a practical adhesive.

Some of the value added products from bananas are:

1. Banana puree: the puree can be frozen, canned or aseptically packed. The puree is used in the beverage industry, baby foods, snack foods, jam, and sauces.
2. Banana powder: has high sugar and starch content and can be used as a substitute for fresh bananas in making traditional cakes or their premixes as well as in the processing of banana snacks, crackers or crisps.
3. Banana flour: this is different from banana powder.
4. Banana jam: has a sweet taste, fine, flavor and texture.
5. Banana drink: banana puree is used extensively in the processing of straight banana drink.
6. Banana chips and crisps.
7. Banana vinegar: banana vinegar is processed by fermenting the banana juice.
8. Banana flavored ice cream.

We grow coconuts by the thousands. But we also waste so many of them because we do not understand the value added products we can produce using the coconut. Here are some uses for coconut:

1. coconut milk suitable for cooking and drinking.
2. coconut cream used in savory dishes, desserts and various drinks
3. coconut liqueur: have you ever tasted it—great!
4. coconut butter.
5. desiccated coconut (coconut flour).
6. coconut shampoo.
7. coconut body and skin lotion.
8. coconut vinegar.

We grow tons of sweet potatoes, but do we know the various value added products we can make with them? Here are a few suggestions:

1. Sweet potato casserole, frozen.
2. Scalloped sweet potato, frozen.
3. Sweet potato pudding.
4. Sweet potato beverage.
5. Sweet French fries.
6. Sweet potato bread.
7. Sweet potato flour.
8. Dried sweet potatoes for dog food.
9. Sweet potato bran muffins.

We could discuss the added value of peppers to hot peppers. And there are many other fruits and vegetables that increase our sales if we add value to them. The above are only a few suggestions of value added products that can be made from these items. Of course, when we sell them we will earn an extra dollar.

The methods and recipes used to add value to these products can be readily found on the Internet. Also the machinery needed to produce them in quantity can be readily found on the Internet. In other words, if we use a bit of initiative we can greatly increase our income from our farm produce. None of these value added ideas involve lots of money.

Consider growing our fruits and vegetables as organic products. By being able to grow fruits and vegetables to meet organic standards, we will be able to receive a higher price. By studying how to minimize the use of pesticides, our produce can most likely be labeled as organically grown. Many consumers will pay and extra dollar to purchase such fruits and vegetable. Discuss growing organic food with NMC CRESS and find out how to improve your product.

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Failure of NMI govt to pay its debt ruined the Fund

AN ECONOMIST'S OPINION

By WILLIAM H. STEWART
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Having watched the continuing diminishment of the retiree's defined benefit plan (DBP) to a point where only two or three years of projected life remains in the Fund and the serious negative impact soon to result on the future livelihood and imminent financial ruin for many retirees, I decided to examine the wide range of reasons for the decline of the Fund and list them in one place for consideration by anyone interested.

As a result of the legal wrangling extending over two years since the judgment rendered by the Superior Court in favor of the retirees the effort has not produced any results except payment of fees to lawyers from the member's invested proceeds. For this reason I decided to compile a "laundry list" of what I would consider to be those adverse actions—and in some instances lack of action—which have assisted in the decline of the Fund.

Toward this end I have attempted to record in one place, in non legal parlance, a retiree's "Bill of Particulars" which consists of a list of grievances of some DBP retirees with whom I have been in contact directed against the NMI executive, legislative and judicial branches of government as well as the Fund's Board of Trustees—past and present.

As the Chinese might say, "It's been a slow death by a thousand cuts." While the list which follows doesn't number a thousand reasons—the combined issues as described will certainly impact a couple thousand retirees and their dependents. Here's the list:

■ The NMI's central government actions appear to have been intentionally designed to eliminate the DBP without regard to the extreme detriment and financial hardship of thousands of current retirees.

When the NMI's central government publicly admitted in 2011 that it did not have the budgeted revenue to pay the Superior Court's judgment of $231 million which it legally and contractually owed the Fund as a result of failure to pay its employer's contribution for those then working—the central government started the process of abandoning all pretense of trying to save it's DBP and proceeded to openly encourage employees to "cash out" of the DBP and join the much inferior, and inadequate Defined Contribution Plan (DCP). This deliberate strategy on the part of the government has had the result of further weakening the Fund by requiring it to liquidate millions from its base investment portfolio.

The government's action directed toward encouraging members to join a DCP was nothing more than a debtor's (the NMI government) manuever to "kill off" its largest creditor (the Retirement Fund). And substitute in its place the DCP for the DBP pension plan. The DCP is not an adequate remedy for employee's retirement plan—and never will be. This will not become obvious to many DCP participants for many years—and then it will be too late.

For more information on this subject see Dr. Thomas D. Arkle's analysis entitled: "The CNMI's DCP—Benefit of Curse?" on the Retiree's Blog at: http://kixproductions.com/cnmiretiree/

In the opinion of this economist a summary listing of past and present actions and policies detrimental to all DBP Retirees follows:

■ For more than 10 years the NMI gernment has failed to fully honor its contractual agreement to pay the employer's contribution to the Fund as required by local law (1CMC, Div. 8, Chapter 4, Section 8342 and 1 CMC, Div. 8, Chapter 7. section 8371 (a) thru (f).

The June 8, 2004 edition of the *Variety* quoted the then Speaker of the Legislature stating: "The Fund should be far more concerned about receiving the long overdue employer contributions from the central government which amounts to about $84 million—if the Retirement Fund should sue anybody it should be the government."

Thus, the above statement of the former Speaker of the Legislature and current governor did—at that time—openly support the action of Fund Trustees to seek redress from the government for the DBP.

■ Failure of NMI central government and Legislature to pay the Superior Court's judgment of $231 million (or even arrange for serial payments) as per Civil Action #06-0367 dated June 29, 2009..

■ The questionable investment in 2002 of $5.5 million of retiree's money deposited in (at one time) a "frozen" account at the Bank of Saipan (BoS) at a ridiculously low annual rate of interest of one (1) percent when, at the time, the rate of inflation was more than 3 percent when other investments could have yielded a greater return on the money.

■ Possibility ignoring "Section 8353 by investing Fund's money in the BoS without the advice of a concurring "Investment of Funds Investment Agent."

■ Failure of the Fund's Board of Trustees to file suit in Federal Court rather than a local NMI court. knowing, or should have known, the strangle hold on payment of judicial awards and in particular the judgment negatively impacted by 1 CMC, section 2707, (i.e., no awarded court judgment can be paid without a legislative appropriation).

■ Employment of what would appear to be an excessive number of "outside" attorneys to perform many services which could have been performed by "in-house" RF staff.

■ The Legislature's passage of—and the acting governor's signature concurrence (against the advice of the Fund's Board of Trustees) and subsequently the judiciary's failure to strike down the law identified as P.L. 17-51 "Derivative Lawsuit Act" thereby creating administrative chaos for the management of fund investments resulting in as yet unaccounted loss of member's money. See *Variety*

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How many of us have considered growing flowers as a product to sell in stores and for export? Guam imports over $32,000.00 of flowers monthly. South Korea exports over $200,000.00 per year of flowers. Flower trading is one of the largest and most lucrative businesses. Yet we overlook this exciting commodity. Think how much a bouquet of flowers costs us when we buy it for any occasion.

When I lived in Japan and in Hawaii, I could go into a grocery store and buy a bouquet of flowers for my house for about $7 to $10. Restaurants had flowers on every table to look and smell good. When chamber maids made up the rooms, a flower was placed on the pillow for a lovely sight before retiring.

I am surprised that in our lovely islands, so few people grow flowers as a business. I see so few of them in stores and in other places. Why is that? Yes, growing and trading flowers can become a lucrative business both in the domestic market and for export.

By now you are pretty tired of hearing me preach weekly about what we can do. But it is true. We can help ourselves if we use our brains and hands to create things that we can use for ourselves as well as for export.

The other day I received an email from a gentleman in China who has been reading about the CNMI and my articles about producing agricultural products. He suggested that we consider his country China for exporting any organic foods we can grow here because so much of the products there are sprayed with excessive pesticides. He also suggested we sell our organic products to Japan who has been hit hard because of their tragedy this past year in which much of their food is infected. Wow! See what I am talking about!

I hope I didn't confuse the issue by mixing in thoughts about value-added products and trading. We have to understand that we have many products that we can produce and even increase their value for export.

Exporting can become a major industry in the CNMI if we really study the opportunities. We have never been an export country except for the brief garment industry brief period. Trading is a dormant industry waiting for development.

Several months ago I received a nice big check from the USDA for the costs of exporting shrimp. I also will be receiving another check for the same activity. So I speak from experience.

There is so much more to discuss about these agricultural opportunities, but until we decide to do them, they remain conversation pieces only.

Please consider the opportunities to create huge amounts of produce and fruits right here. Let's begin trading our products and minimize our imports. I truly believe that producing goods and trading them is one of the most important and sustainable opportunities towards economic recovery.

Remember to smile! It's contagious.

Ha'ilas gi tanu' natibu

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Itiempu sumen chatsaga. Fuetsau man-arikohe i familia sa' estague' na tiempu 'nai fuetsan todus gi papa' un' atuf i mas fitme yan asegurau na tradision satbasion natibu. Estague' fitme na finanaguen mañainata piot 'nai tafagchae' didog na chinatsaga: gineftau yan satton na dinaña familia.

Kumu satten kadun to'lañg este, pues ni pigu' taya' gi fondu sa' magulusune i mamaulegña ni boys pot para umana' lapotput i mantikan lamañana gi singturan niha. Man-lolosus mientras sige hit man-uguñg inensinahyau gi halom sadog aplacha yan miserable na chinatsaga.

I mañaina fuetsau mafa' subrekatgun niha palu obligasion ginen famaguon niha piot ayu i man-tai che'chu' ni pagu mana' fan papara ginen bisnis ni humuchum pettan niha. Todu atmos grupo pumadedese ma-utot oran cho'chu'. I mas dañosu na guafen lagu' botkan sige ha' halom gi salan familia siha. Mientras mas maribaha i numeron bisnis, mas lokue' maribaha i fondu gi kahan Marianas. Siempre u fattu ayu na ora 'nai taya' otru manera ke para u mana fan para lamegai na empleau gi todu atmos banda, gobietnamentu yan praibet.

Yangin ha danche hit este na hinalom guafen botkan, tat halige ti u fina' apu dispues. Estague' na mattiru i hagas umestotbayu' sa' hu tuñgu' klaru na mamamaila'.

Dimas de u sige mama' eskusu i administrasion pot gaston i nuebu na programan food stamps (SNAP), debi fuetsau u chadike umabiba mage sa' taya' bidaña benefisiosu para una' guaha fiñkas yan cho'chu' guine.

Pot este na rason na mantai che'chu' i tautau-ta. Pot este na rason na lamegai esta man-ma'amot ni primet na gima' familia. Ti hoñgiyun para umasusede este ya no siakassu i man-sabiu siha i Hegsu I Deni. Pot fabot sa' ti suttayon na chiban Anatahan i mangaige gi señgsoñg siha. Man-tautau kabales taimanu hamyu mismu!

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Kulan man-malefa na hagas man-hihita manohge gi parehu na plaset. I un' benefisiosu na esperansa gi korason yan ditetminasion tautau-ta gaige na fitme inañgukon niha gi disposision i Saina. Ti i Saina ni sumen goflie' hit mina' taiguine pinadesisita pagu. Ginen i man-ma'gas tano'ta ni ma-embrasa i potsaiyon na mañan no siakassu, diariamente.

Pot ginen este na inañgogku yan esperansa gi Saina na achgha' man-e'ensinahyau hit, ta prekura diariu muna' guahaye familiata siha ginen katkuet koyentura desde gualu, peskan tasi, kasadules, yan otru offisiu siha. Muñga man-hinalañg sa' siempre u fattu ha'anita 'nai para ta dispone sin ditension i para u fana'lu tatte gi mismu plaset i sabiun i Deni.

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Sige maguadog haf' taimanu na ha didibi i administrasion poku 'mas 'menos $300 miyon pesus i programan man-litirau. Oppan dispues i chatkonsidera siha na lai ni lumuñu i programa ni inapprueban lehislatura yan gobietnu siha deste 1984. Un' appruebau na lai dumispensa i administrasion ginen este na obligasion. Mauleg ta ketuñgu' haye este siha na kabayherus maseha pot para ta destiladu para Anatahan 'nai lologlug ha' trabiha i butkan gi sanhalom. Yangin u pagpag ya mandinagau huyuñg gi tasi, pues espiha kau siña man-mamokat hamyu tatte Saipan.

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The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲84	▼77
Palau	Showers	▲87	▼78
Yap	Sunny	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼72
Kosrae	Rain	▲87	▼76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲65	▼52
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲61	▼35
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼73
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼57
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼48
Miami	Showers	▲81	▼75
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼51
Osaka	Showers	▲69	▼55
Paris	Rain	▲58	▼47
Pusan	Windy	▲62	▼48
Rome	Showers	▲72	▼58
Salem	Sunny	▲58	▼40
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼58
Seoul	Sunny	▲56	▼39
Tokyo	Showers	▲75	▼57
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼51

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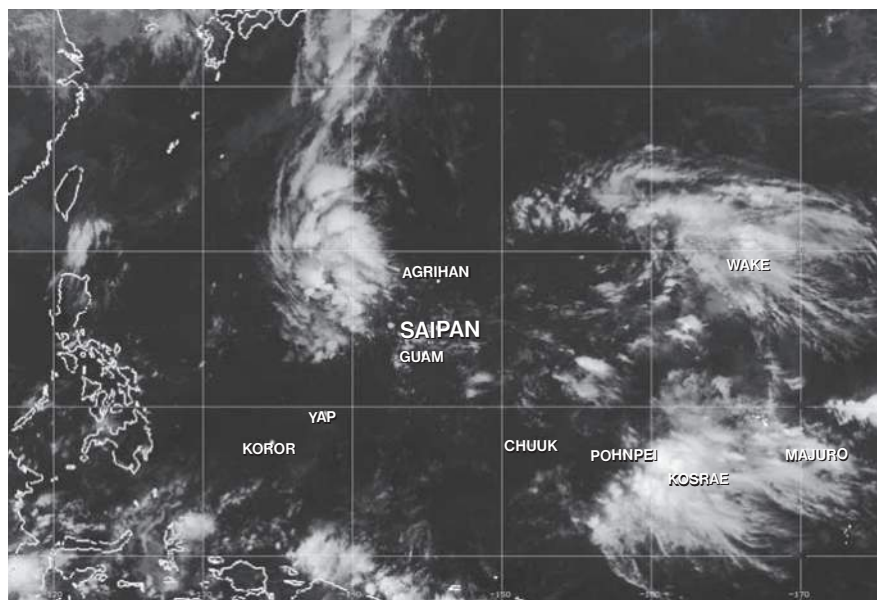

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends northeastward from 13N130E through a weak circulation centered north of Palau near 16N135E then turns north to end near 23N133E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found northwest of the Marianas between 16N and 23N from 136E to 142E. A large upper-level low is centered west of Wake Island at 21N155E. Extensive cloudiness, scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near and west of Wake Island between 17N and 25N from 150E to 169E and southwest of Wake Island within 90 miles of a line from 12N154E to 17N165E. A trade-wind disturbance is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Kosrae and just east of Pohnpei between a line from 2N155E to 8N160E and a line from 3N162E to 7N164E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers over the Marshall Islands within 50 miles of a line from 7N164E to 12N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:57 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:08 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
5:21 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
11:57 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Tuesday	6:11 AM	5:51 PM
Wednesday	6:11 AM	5:51 PM
Thursday	6:11 AM	5:50 PM
Friday	6:12 AM	5:50 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:10 AM	4:21 PM
Tuesday	4:10 AM	4:21 PM
Wednesday	5:11 AM	5:11 PM
Thursday	6:15 AM	6:04 PM
Friday	7:21 AM	7:02 PM

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DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05062	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

JAPANESE AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Hundreds celebrate Japanese culture

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The rich and proud cultural heritage of Japan was highlighted and displayed during the Japanese Autumn Festival on Oct. 22.

The festivities commenced in the morning with a ritual at the Katori Shrine at the Sugar King Park in Garapan where 25 visiting religious followers conducted the ceremony joined by government officials and other guests.

Rev. Shoji Takahashi, high priest of the head Katori Jingu in Chiba Prefecture, led once again the shrine's pilgrims in offering prayers for "world peace" and "prosperity" for the people of Japan and the CNMI.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Tsutomu Higuchi, Japanese Consul to the Northern Marianas, makes an offering ritual at the Katori Shrine at the Sugar King Park in Garapan.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Young members of the audience join in the Yosakoi dance performance at the Paseo de Marianas.

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio, in separate interviews, said the annual pilgrimage is a "wonderful" tradition of the Katori Jingu followers that the CNMI appreciates, participates in, and uphold.

"Hopefully this will become a part of our continued relationship with the Japanese people," added Inos.

Immediately after offerings were made, visiting Katori priests also blessed children among the audience and presented each of them with a blessed rectangular piece of wood in which the children's names etched on it, a traditional Japanese book, and candies.

In the afternoon following the ceremony, the celebration proceeded to the Paseo De Marianas where hundreds of spectators took part in the observance of the autumn festival proper.

Organized by the Japanese Society of Northern Marianas, the festival aimed to share Japanese culture with the different members of the community through performances such as Kendo (sword presentation), Bon-odori and Yosakoi dance presentations, rice ball speed eating contest, and a song number from gospel performer Natuki from Hokkaido.

The event, seen as an opportunity for family and friends to spend time together, also featured various Japanese game booths and popular dishes like okonomiyaki (pancake), takoyaki (dumpling), yakitori (skewered chicken), and yakisoba (fried noodles).

Yoichi Matsumura of the Japanese Society of Northern Marianas, a group comprised of about 600 to 700 members of the Japanese community on island, said that besides cultural sharing, the annual autumn festival is also a time to wish for good harvest of rice and other agricultural crops and to hope for a better economy for the two nations.

OPINION

Salaam Gadhafi Salaam

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Styling himself in various occasions as "a brother leader," "guide of the revolution," and "king of kings," the flamboyant Colonel Muammar Gadhafi who took power in Libya since 1969 died Friday after he was gunned down by rebel forces identified with the National Transition Council (NTC) that has decreed an end to his autocratic rule.

Accounts streaming out of western media strum native instincts of revenge with narratives of how the leader was found holed-up in a rain drainage hole, captured and dragged by the hair by one of NTC's vehicles. We recall the early accounts of the attack on Osama Bin Laden, and the subsequent attempts of the White House to straighten "facts" that got out of hand; we must be wary of unverified stories. Attempts are even now made to compare Saddam Hussein's ignominious capture to that of Gadhafi!

Hoping that one can finally separate fact from fiction is, of course, a futile exercise. More so as we all suffer from the linguistic notion that we can have one word for every item of reality, along with the discovery that images influences behavior, and image-creation has become the growth industry of the times.

We might be better served in our understanding of events if set Gadhafi's rule and demise within a broader context.

As a geo-social reality, we treat Africa as if it was one unit, forgetting that Africa south of Sahara is quite different from the lands north of it along the Mediterranean Sea. My social grid combines North Africa and the Middle East (NAME) as a separate geo-social continent, which is not far from the area's self designation of MENA (Middle East and North Africa).

Until a decade ago, we were schooled with the Mercator projection of the globe where north of the Equator is disproportionately blown up at the expense of the lands south of it, making Africa and South America look smaller than the lands in the northern hemisphere.

To appreciate how huge Africa is, combine the United States, China, India, Europe, and Russia together and we would still have enough space to plunk the Marianas into the picture. Libya is the fourth largest country in Africa, created by Italy out of Tripolitania, Fezzan, and Cyrenaica in the early 1900s when Europe started colonial expansion for natural resource. Eighteen years after Italy granted Libyan political independence in 1951, Gadhafi led a coup d'etat that created a socialist state. Rich with oil, producing as much as Saudi Arabia, Libya tried to ascend into the nuclear warhead club of nations, but was dubbed instead as a rogue state in the eyes of the West. It swore off its atomic weapons program after the fall of Iraq to NATO forces.

In another instance of the instigating power of digital social networking, Libya joins Algeria, Egypt, Yemen, and Syria in what is now referred to as Arab Spring, of popular uprisings against unaccountable autocratic rule. Libya's unrivaled universal education and social medicine in the region notwithstanding, popular uprising combined with the labyrinthine petroleum politics, set into motion what eventually deposed the colorful thorn on the side of the West, once the darling supporter of rebel causes.

Even if the current events in Libya are best understood in the context of a huge continent with known and still unknown oil reserves, the Marianas is not immediately affected. Our fuel supply that keeps CUC running our aircons falls in the proven good graces of Mobil/Shell that has this previous Iberian colony by the cajones.

That is not, however, the case of China that has tried to assure its future fossil fuel requirements on African resources, given the paucity of its own. (CONOCO Phillips just sealed a BP-like Gulf-of-Mexico spill on Bohai Sea.) The war on Afghanistan is a quarrel over the Aral regions' oil reserves going south to Pakistan for the West, rather than to China. China's attempts to explore and access resources in its borders (Kazakhstan to the west, Mongolia and Siberia to the north, Japan and Yellow Seas/East and South China Seas on the east) are continually frustrated by nations who prominently control the financial operations of the oil companies that Italian Enrico Mattei dubbed as the "seven sisters" controlling Middle East oil extractions.

So, today's demise of Gadhafi in the hands of 'freedom fighters' suffers in the hands of journalistic service of the bastions of corporate greed that manages to corral the frenzy of the masses to control of resources. But as has been true of all movements in the past, revolutionary change does not follow a neat menu, and neither the gas masks in Athens, Greece, nor the hygiene-challenged park near Wall St. will ever make the stench of coercive change palatable. Ironically, one who followed the dictum that power emanates from the barrel of a gun, has become his own victim, has plunged his own country into a situation where every household has now, at least, a barrel of its own!

To its credit, members of the NTC promised a quiet Islamic burial for Muammar Gadhafi. We might yet find a spring flower in the harried global soul!

FAILURE

From Page 11

Editorial, Oct. 14, 2011.

As noted by the Fund's attorney as quoted in the *Variety* (Oct. 19), "Although the Superior Court did not grant the Fund's emergency request for a temporary restraining order suspending the application of P.L. 17-51, the Court had not ruled on whether the law was constitutional." The purpose of a TRO was to prevent harm while a challenge was considered by the Court, however, the Court found the harm to the beneficiaries in not being able to file lawsuits under the new law outweighed any harm to the Fund.

As a result of the above law all of the Fund's investment consultants resigned where upon the Fund administrator was quoted in the *Variety* as stating, "The Fund has been placed in extreme situation of not having an investment consultant due to PL 17-51 and forced to adopt an ultraconservative allocation—cash—until the Fund obtains the services of an investment consultant." As a result the Fund's board decided on Oct. 13, 2011 to liquidate their assets into cash.

In the absence of advice from any investment consultant, the Fund placed approximately $265 million in financial institutions that are affiliated with CDARS (Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service) with a limited FDIC insurance guarantees only up to $250,000 in deposits.

- Withholding the NMI government's employer contribution to the Fund from employees paid from Federal appropriations.
- The complete indifference extending over a ten year period on the part of the legislative and executive branches to work together to solve the Fund's problems by supporting any meaningful solution toward arresting the dissipation of the member's base investment portfolio.
- Absence of information—and lack of planning on the part of the central government and Fund Trustees for continuing the group medical and life insurance programs for participating DBP retirees once the collapse of Fund occurs. Those participating employees of advanced age with preexisting medical issues who have contributed years of premium payments stand to lose their policies with little hope of finding adequate replacement coverage.

The above plan was originally encouraged and sanctioned by the government for the benefit of participating employees and may be abandoned when the Fund collapses.

- Failure of the central government to adhere to its signed "Memorandum of Understanding" with the Fund agreeing to make payments of $500,000, (later increased to $850,000) biweekly to make-up for their neglected employer contribution payments which were in arrears. The government failed to honor its agreement.
- Failure to implement 'timely" collection efforts on delinquent home loans provided by the Retirement Fund or otherwise delayed and / or failure to instigate foreclosure action on mortgages when all efforts at collection of delinquent loans have been exhausted.
- Pension payments earned by and for all members of the Fund through their "defacto" investment agent, namely, the Retirement Fund and its money managers largely consisted of the "employee" payments to the Fund and the interest earned from investments.

Absent from this funding source are more than ten years of the government's employer contributions which, had they been paid as required by law, would have strengthened the Fund rather that contribute to its imminent demise in two or three years.

In my judgment it was a grave error for the government to "opt out" of the U.S. Social Security program in the first place which, at the time and until 2007, was substituted by the NMI's own DBP retirement plan. This plan required the mandatory participation by all NMI employees and then—all the while—until 2007 the government subjected Fund members to the above diminishing policies, actions and decisions consisting of the above laundry list of negative impacts which, taken together, will have resulted in "killing off" the Fund—leaving retirees on a sinking ship with many, if not most, of advanced age and many in poor health.

More than a few retirees are in for a lot of misery and a much lower standard of living in a couple years.

Business

Big banks under pressure in Europe crisis

BRUSSELS (AP)—Big banks found themselves under pressure in Europe's debt crisis Saturday, with finance chiefs pushing them to raise billions of euros in capital and accept huge losses on Greek bonds they hold.

The continent's biggest financial institutions were at the center of talks as leaders entered marathon negotiations in Brussels, at the end of which they have promised to present a comprehensive plan to take Europe out of its crippling debt crisis.

"Between now and Wednesday we have to find a solution, a structural solution, an ambitious solution and a definitive solution," French President Nicolas Sarkozy said as he arrived in Brussels. "There's no other choice."

In addition to new financing for Greece, leaders want to make the banking sector fit to sustain worsening market turmoil and turn their bailout fund into a strong safety net that will stop big economies like Italy and Spain from falling into the same debt trap that has already snapped Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

But before the final deadline on Wednesday, they have to overcome many obstacles.

On Saturday, the finance ministers of the 27-country European Union decided to force the bloc's biggest banks to substantially increase their capital buffers—an important move to ensure that they are strong enough to withstand the panic that a steep cut to Greece's debt could trigger on financial markets.

A European official said the new capital rules would force banks to raise just over euro100 billion ($140 billion), but finance ministers did not provide details on their decision. The official was speaking on condition of anonymity because it had been agreed to let leaders unveil the deal at their first summit Sunday.

"We have made real progress and have come to important decisions on strengthening European banks," George Osborne, the U.K.'s chancellor of the exchequer, said as he left Saturday's meeting.

The deal on banks was likely to be the only major breakthrough ready to announce on Sunday, leaving many important decisions and negotiations to be completed by Wednesday night.

On Friday, the first day of the marathon talks, the finance ministers of the 17 countries that use the euro—and which have found themselves at the center of the crisis because of the currency they share—agreed to demand Greece's private creditors take big losses on their bondholdings.

But they still have get the banks to come along and convince them that the cuts are the best way to ensure that Athens can eventually repay its remaining debts.

Judge: Lawsuit over 'corn sugar' can go forward

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A federal judge has ruled that a lawsuit seeking to stop the corn industry's use of the term "corn sugar" for high fructose corn syrup can go forward, a decision that the sugar industry lawyers who brought the suit said Saturday was "very encouraging."

U.S. District Judge Consuelo B. Marshall issued the ruling Friday in Los Angeles, allowing the false advertising suit brought by plaintiffs that include the Western Sugar Cooperative against the Corn Refiners Association to go forward.

"It is something we expected, we're not in the business of filing meritless or frivolous lawsuits," sugar industry attorney Adam Fox told The Associated Press.

The decision wasn't entirely a victory for the sugar industry, however. The judge granted a defense motion to drop individual corn companies as defendants, leaving only the trade association, and dismissed a part of the lawsuit claiming that the corn industry violated California law in addition to federal regulations.

Still, Fox said Marshall's ruling was "very encouraging to us."

Phone and email messages left Saturday night for corn industry representatives were not immediately returned.

Corn refiners have been using "corn sugar" in an attempt to rebrand high fructose corn syrup, the sweetening agent found in most sodas and many processed foods.

The sugar industry says the campaign amounts to false advertising, and there are numerous differences between the white, granular product and the sticky liquid that is high fructose corn syrup.

But lawyers for the corn industry arguing for the dismissal said sugar and high fructose corn syrup are equivalent in how they are metabolized by the body.

They also said the lawsuit was an attempt to stifle a national conversation about the merits of high fructose corn syrup versus sugar. Also, they said educational campaigns from the Corn Refiners Association, which does not directly sell any products, cannot be branded advertising.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Report: Google mulling role in possible Yahoo bid

Google is exploring the possibility of helping to finance a possible deal by others to acquire Internet search company Yahoo, according to a report published report by the Wall Street Journal on Saturday. Google Inc. has talked to at least two-private equity firms about potentially assisting them to finance a deal to buy Yahoo Inc.'s core business, according to the story, which cited a person familiar with the matter, and did not identify the source. The Journal said Google and prospective partners have held early-stage discussions, but haven't assembled a formal proposal. The source said Google may not end up pursuing a bid. ***(AP)***

China says trade with NKorea has nearly doubled

BEIJING (AP)—China says trade with its close ally North Korea nearly doubled in the first seven months of the year compared with the same period in 2010. The official Xinhua News Agency says the 87 percent increase was announced Sunday at the start of a visit to the North by Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang that reaffirms strong ties between the two countries. North Korea relies heavily on China for food and fuel aid, as well as many ordinary consumer products. Chinese companies are the main investors in North Korean mining operations, and the sides recently signed agreements on road building and jointly developing an industrial park on an island near the Chinese city of Dandong.

Murdoch takes on shareholders at annual meeting

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rupert Murdoch jousted with disgruntled shareholders Friday as the 80-year-old chairman and CEO of News Corp. defended his handling of a phone hacking scandal in Britain and deflected any notion that he plans to step down soon. More than 100 protesters gathered outside the 20th Century Fox studio lot where News Corp. held its annual shareholders meeting. Inside, with his sons Lachlan and James seated before him in the front row, Murdoch parried allegations that he had poor oversight of the company, sometimes cutting off speakers to jab in an insult or dispute a fact. Votes from the shareholders were still being counted in the afternoon but the company said a proposal from the Christian Brothers Investment Services to force the company's chairman to be an independent director had failed.

Nation

Parents: Hispanic kids being bullied in law's wake

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—It was just another schoolyard basketball game until a group of Hispanic seventh-graders defeated a group of boys from Alabama.

The reaction was immediate, according to the Mexican mother of one of the winners, and rooted in the state's new law on illegal immigration.

"They told them, `You shouldn't be winning. You should go back to Mexico,"' said the woman, who spoke through a translator last week and didn't want her name used. She and her son are in the country illegally.

Spanish-speaking parents say their children are facing more bullying and taunts at school since Alabama's tough crackdown on illegal immigration took effect last month. Many blame the name-calling on fallout from the law, which has been widely covered in the news, discussed in some classrooms and debated around dinner tables.

Justice Department officials are monitoring for bullying incidents linked to the law.

"We're hearing a number of reports about increases in bullying that we're studying," the head of the agency's civil rights division, Thomas Perez, said during a stop in Birmingham.

The Justice Department has established a bilingual telephone hotline and special email account for residents to report any violence or threats based on racial or ethnic background that could be linked to the law. Officials would not provide a breakdown on the types of complaints being received.

Yet the Alabama Department of Education hasn't received any reports of bullying linked to the law, said spokeswoman Melissa Valdes, and it isn't tracking the issue to determine whether there could be a problem. Any parents who call the state with complaints would be referred to their child's principal, she said.

Federal officials say some parents—particularly illegal immigrants—may not report bullying to teachers and principals because they fear coming into contact with government officials.

Supporters of the law—which is being challenged by the Obama administration, individuals and private groups—contend it's vital to reducing the cost of state and local government by getting illegal immigrants off public assistance. They also argue the measure will create jobs for legal residents by opening up positions that had been held by people living in the country illegally.

'Occupy' camps provide food, shelter for homeless

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—When Occupy Wall Street protesters took over two parks in Portland's soggy downtown, they pitched 300 tents and offered free food, medical care and shelter to anyone. They weren't just building, like so many of their brethren across the nation, a community to protest what they see as corporate greed.

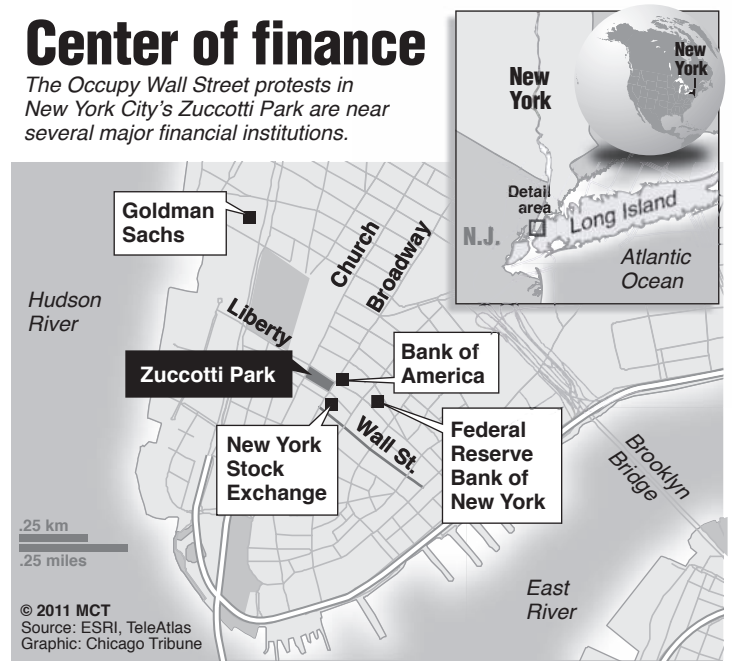
They also created an ideal place for the homeless. Some were already living in the parks, while others were drawn from elsewhere to the encampment's open doors.

Now, protesters from Portland to Los Angeles to Atlanta are trying to distinguish between homeless people who are joining their movement and those who are there for the amenities. When night falls in Portland, for instance, protesters have been dealing with fights, drunken arguments and the display of the occasional knife.

However, many homeless say the protests have helped them speak out against the economic troubles that sent them to the streets in the first place.

"The city wasn't giving us what we needed," said Joseph Gordon, 31, who trekked his way from Cincinnati two months ago and noted that there is nearly always enough food but never enough shelter. "You can't feed your problem away. It took this camp to show people how it really is."

As protesters across the country try to coalescence around an agenda in the coming weeks and months, they are trying to make life work in camps that have become small-scale replicas of the cities in which they were erected. And just like those cities, they are dealing with many of the same problems the local governments have struggled for decades to solve.



ACROSS THE NATION

La. Gov. Bobby Jindal wins re-election easily

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal on Saturday easily coasted to a second term, winning in a landslide election after failing to attract any well-known or deep-pocketed opposition. The 40-year-old Republican overwhelmed nine competitors in the open primary, where a candidate wins the race outright if he or she receives more than 50 percent of the vote. With 99 percent of precincts reporting, Jindal had received about 66 percent of the total vote. His closest competitor, Tara Hollis, a Democrat from north Louisiana, garnered nearly 18 percent of the total vote. All of the other candidates were in single digits.

Body identified as that of missing Utah teen

NORTH OGDEN, Utah (AP)—A body found in a shallow grave belongs to a 16-year-old girl who had been missing more than a month, authorities in Utah said Saturday. The Utah State Medical Examiner's Office confirmed through fingerprint and dental records that the body found Tuesday was that of Alexis Rasmussen, said North Ogden police spokesman Paul Rhoades. She was missing since Sept. 10. "This is certainly not the outcome we were hoping for," he said in a statement. "All indications are that Alexis was a very outgoing and loving person."

Asia

Muslim rebels kill 7 more in PH

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Muslim rebels killed four soldiers and three police officers in separate attacks in a southern province just days after 19 soldiers died in one of the worst clashes with the guerrillas in three years, authorities said Friday.

The violence is severely testing a cease-fire instated as the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front hold peace talks to end the bloody decades-long insurgency.

Seven soldiers and three officers were wounded following attacks by rebel fighters late Thursday on an army convoy, a military delivery truck and a joint army-police patrol in three townships close to each other in Zamboanga Sibugay province, regional police chief Elpidio de Asis.

Rebel spokesman Von al Haq said the attacks were the initiative of local rebel forces in retaliation for the army's alleged "indiscriminate shelling" of Muslim villages Saturday and Thursday, which prompted hundreds of villagers to seek shelter in homes of relatives in nearby communities.

He told The Associated Press the rebel "leadership is working very hard to prevent this from escalating" and ordered their fighters "to stay put."

AP

Philippine Army soldiers carry the flag-draped caskets of Fifteen of their comrades, who were killed in one of the worst clashes in three years with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), upon arrival in Manila from Zamboanga city in southern Philippines Friday Oct. 21, 2011.

Col. Santiago Baluyot, commander of the army's 102nd Brigade in Zamboanga Sibugay, said the first clashes were Saturday in Payao township when troops backing police officers who were going to serve an arrest warrant to a crime suspect were fired upon.

He said this prompted the army to hit back with "protective fire" using Howitzer cannons. This happened again on Thursday. He said the rebels were not supposed to be in that area.

"Why should they occupy that? It's a clear violation of peace talk terms," he said.

The rebels and the government are negotiating a peace settlement of the decades-long rebellion by the minority Muslims who are fighting for self-rule.

Thailand leader says floods may last 6 more weeks

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's catastrophic floods may take up to six weeks to recede, the prime minister said Saturday, as residents living in Bangkok's outskirts sloshed through waist-high waters in some areas and the human toll from the crisis nationwide rose to 356 dead and more than 110,000 displaced.

Water bearing down on the capital from the north began spilling through Bangkok's outer districts on Friday and continued creeping in on Saturday. So far, however, most of the metropolis of 9 million people has escaped unharmed, and its two airports are operating normally.

Bangkokians are girding for the worst, though, after Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra this week urged all residents to move valuables to higher ground.

A mild panic prompted a run on grocery stores, with many running out of bottled water. A Thai company that distributes drinking water across the city sent out an SMS to customers announcing deliveries had been halted because of the crisis.

The government's emergency relief center said flooding in the city was occuring at "concentrated points." One of them, the northern district of Don Muang, was partially inundated after floodwaters burst through a canal barrier wall that workers were scrambling to repair overnight.

Don Muang is home to the capital's second airport, as well as the government flood relief center. But some residents in swamped areas there said they were running short on food. Volunteers who had been preparing to send emergency supplies to Ayutthaya, a city north of Bangkok which has been submerged for more than two weeks, were forced to consume them instead.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Karzai: Afghanistan to back Pakistan in US-Pak war

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—If the United States and Pakistan ever went to war, Afghan President Hamid Karzai says Afghanistan would back neighboring Pakistan. Karzai made the comment to the private GEO television station in Pakistan in an interview broadcast on Saturday. It is a surprising remark given Karzai's recent criticism of Pakistan and his show of alliance with the United States during U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's visit to Kabul last week. Both Clinton and Karzai vocally accused the Pakistan government of providing sanctuary to terrorist groups launching attacks in Afghanistan.

285 Indian girls shed 'unwanted' names

MUMBAI, India (AP)—More than 200 Indian girls whose names mean "unwanted" in Hindi have chosen new names for a fresh start in life. A central Indian district held a renaming ceremony Saturday that it hopes will give the girls new dignity and help fight widespread gender discrimination that gives India a skewed gender ratio, with far more boys than girls. The 285 girls—wearing their best outfits with barrettes, braids and bows in their hair—lined up to receive certificates with their new names along with small flower bouquets from Satara district officials in Maharashtra state.

Bridge collapse kills at least 13 in India

KOLKATA, India (AP)—Officials say a wooden bridge spanning a river in the northeastern Indian district of Darjeeling collapsed as local mountain villagers gathered on it for a meeting, and at least 13 people were killed. Rescuers rushed to the scene and recovered more than 50 injured people from the riverbed area about 70 feet (21 meters) below, but dozens are still thought to be missing. Top police official Surajit Kar Purakayaspha says the bridge over the Rangeet River fell apart as about 150 people gathered on it Saturday night to listen to speeches by local administration leaders in Bijanbari, about 20 miles (30 kilometers) from the hill town of Darjeeling.

World

Conflicted Iraqis face future without US troops

BAGHDAD (AP)—For the first time in decades, Iraqis face a future on their own, with neither Saddam Hussein's iron fist nor the United States' military might to hold them together. This has been both their dream and nightmare: They wanted American troops (the occupiers) to go, but they wanted American troops (the protectors) to stay.

Now many fear an increase in violence, growing Iranian influence and political turmoil after President Barack Obama's definitive announcement that all U.S. forces will leave by the end of the year.

In conversations with The Associated Press, Iraqis across the political, religious and geographic spectrum on Saturday questioned what more than eight years of war and tens of thousands of Iraqi and U.S. lives lost had wrought on their country. They wondered how their still struggling democracy could face the challenges ahead.

"Neither the Iraqis nor the Americans have won here," said Adnan Omar, a Sunni from the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk.

Rifaat Khazim, a Shiite from the southern city of Basra, said, "I do not think that this withdrawal will bring anything better to Iraq or that Iraqi leaders will be able to achieve stability and security in this country. Most of the Iraqis yearn now for Saddam's time. Now, Iraq is defenseless in the face of the threats by the neighboring countries."

Across the country there was a strong sense of disbelief. The Americans, having spent hundreds of billions of dollars, lost nearly 4,500 troops' lives and built up sprawling bases as big as many Iraqi cities, would never really leave, many Iraqis thought. Some celebrated the exit of foreign occupiers and the emergence of real sovereignty. But there was also an apprehension, almost a sense of resignation, that things will get worse.

Though greatly reduced from the depths of near civil war from 2006 to 2008, shooting and bombings rattle Iraqis daily. Significantly all the elements from those darkest days remain: al-Qaida militants, Shiite militias, Sunni insurgents. Resentment still simmers among the Sunni Muslim minority over domination by the Shiite majority, Kurds in the north still hold aspirations of breaking away. Despite years of promises of better government services, most of the country gets by on a few hours of electricity a day.

In the eyes of Iraqis, the Americans were both the cause of those woes and the bulwark against them exploding. Many blame the 2003 U.S.-led invasion for unleashing all the demons kept bottled up by Saddam's dictatorship, and allowing new ones—like al-Qaida—to slip in.

Yet at the same time, U.S. troop reinforcements helped rein them in by 2008. Many feel the powerful American presence prevents Iraqi politicians from dragging the country into the worst of sectarian reprisals and hatreds. Few believe Iraqi forces are up to keeping security or can avoid falling into the same sectarian splits.

Falling German satellite enters atmosphere

BERLIN (AP)—A defunct satellite entered the atmosphere early Sunday and pieces of it were expected to crash into the earth, the German Aerospace Center said.

There was no immediate solid evidence to determine above which continent or country the ROSAT scientific research satellite entered the atmosphere, agency spokesman Andreas Schuetz said.

Most parts of the minivan-sized satellite were expected to burn up during re-entry, but up to 30 fragments weighing 1.87 tons (1.7 metric tons) could crash into Earth at speeds up to 280 mph (450 kph).

Scientists were no longer able to communicate with the dead satellite and it must have traveled about 12,500 miles (20,000 kilometers) in the last 30 minutes before entering the atmosphere, Schuetz said.

Experts were waiting for "observations from around the world," he added.

Scientists said hours before the re-entry into the atmosphere that the satellite was not expected to hit over Europe, Africa or Australia. According to a precalculated path it could have been above Asia, possibly China, at the time of its re-entry, but Schuetz said he could not confirm whether the satellite actually entered above that area.

The 2.69-ton (2.4 metric ton) scientific ROSAT satellite was launched in 1990 and retired in 1999 after being used for research on black holes and neutron stars and performing the first all-sky survey of X-ray sources with an imaging telescope.

The largest single fragment of ROSAT that could hit into the earth is the telescope's heat-resistant mirror.

During its mission, the satellite orbited about 370 miles (600 kilometers) above the Earth's surface, but since its decommissioning it has lost altitude, circling at a distance of only 205 miles (330 kilometers) above ground in June for example, the agency said.

Even in the last days, the satellite still circled the planet every 90 minutes, making it hard to predict where on Earth it would eventually come down.

A dead NASA satellite fell into the southern Pacific Ocean last month, causing no damage, despite fears it would hit a populated area and cause damage or kill people.

Experts believe about two dozen metal pieces from the bus-sized satellite fell over a 500-mile (800 kilometer) span of uninhabited portion of the world.

WORLD BRIEFS

Gaza abductor says Israeli soldier treated well

GAZA CITY, Gaza City (AP)—A leader of the Palestinian militant group that captured the Israeli soldier swapped this week for more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners said Saturday that the soldier was treated well during his captivity. Zuhair Al-Qaisi of the Popular Resistance Committees told The Associated Press that Gilad Schalit was given sufficient food and allowed to watch Hebrew-language TV. Schalit was notably gaunt, pale and exhausted when he was freed. His father says his son is suffering from malnutrition, the effects of isolation and lack of exposure to sun and also wounds sustained during his capture that had not been treated properly. Noam Schalit also said his son "endured harsh things" in his more than five years of captivity in Gaza.

Kenya expecting first ground battle with militants

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—Kenyan troops in Somalia closed in on the rebel-held town of Afmadow Saturday where they may fight their first ground battle against al-Qaida-linked militants since launching an offensive last weekend, a military spokesman said. Hundreds of residents were fleeing Afmadow in anticipation of fighting as Kenyan and Somali troops moved closer. Maj. Emmanuel Chirchir said Kenya's army was flanking Somali troops and pro-government militia. Afmadow is now controlled by al-Shabab, Somalia's most dangerous militant group waging a war against the country's weak U.N.-backed government.

Focus

Arab strongman: With Gadhafi death, an era passes

By ROBERT H. REID
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CAIRO (AP)—He often looked like a comical buffoon, standing before audiences, bedecked in colorful robes, spouting words that most of the world considered nonsense.

Yet the death of Moammar Gadhafi was a milestone in modern Arab history, in some ways more significant than the overthrow of lesser autocrats in Tunisia and Egypt.

Gadhafi was the last of the old-style Arab strongmen—the charismatic, nationalist revolutionaries who rose to power in the 1950s and 1960s, promising to liberate the masses from the shackles of European colonialism and the stultifying rule of the Arab elite that the foreigners left behind after World War II.

He was swept aside by a new brand of revolutionary—the leaderless crowds organized by social media, fed up with the oppressive past, keenly aware that the rest of the world has left them behind and convinced that they can build a better society even if at the moment, they aren't sure how.

Gadhafi was the last of a generation of Arab leaders such as Gamal Abdel-Nasser of Egypt, Hafez Assad of Syria and Saddam Hussein of Iraq who emerged from poverty, rising to the pinnacle of power either through the ranks of the military or the disciplined, conspiratorial world of underground political organizations.

None of the latter crop of Arab autocrats, including Assad's son Bashar, Yemen's Ali Abdullah Saleh and even Egypt's colorless, ousted president Hosni Mubarak, could rival them in their heyday in terms of charisma, flair, stature and power.

Their model was Nasser, the towering champion of Arab unity who ousted Western-backed King Farouk in 1952 and inspired Arab peoples with fiery speeches broadcast by Egyptian radio from Iraq to Mauritania.

But Nasser's dreams of Arab unity and social revival crumbled in defeat in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War, when Israel seized East Jerusalem, the West Bank, the Golan Heights from Syria and the Gaza Strip and Sinai Peninsula from Egypt. Nasser died three years later, and the fellow strongmen left behind led their countries instead into a political swamp of corruption, cronyism and dictatorship now challenged by the Arab Spring.

The hallmark of the Arab strongman was unquestioned power, the use of state media to promote a larger than life image and a ruthless security network that stifled even a whiff of dissent. That worked in an age before the Internet and global satellite television which opened the eyes of the strongman's followers to a world without secret police and economic systems run by the leader's family and cronies.

The Arab political transformation is far from complete. Autocratic rulers are facing challenges from their own people in Yemen and Syria. Bahrain's Shiite majority is pressing the Sunni monarchy for reform. Rulers in Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states are maneuvering to contain the Arab Spring.

Iraq is struggling to build a democracy eight years after American-led arms brought down Saddam's rule.

With Gadhafi's passing, however, a milestone has been passed. The future belongs to a different style of ruler, whoever it may be.

AP

In this Feb. 5, 2001 photo, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi listens to questions during a news conference in Tripoli. Libya's information minister said Gadhafi was killed Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011 when revolutionary forces overwhelmed his hometown, Sirte, the last major bastion of resistance two months after the regime fell.

It may be difficult to imagine that the Gadhafi of his final years—with his flamboyant robes, dark and curly wigs and sagging, surgically altered face—was a trim, handsome, vigorous 27-year-old when he came to power as a strong and vigorous leader. Over the years he had become a caricature figure associated with grandiose dreams such as a "United States of Africa" or seizing all of Israel and sending Jews "back to Europe."

Even when he was younger, eccentricity was the mark of Gadhafi's public persona.

A generation ago, President Ronald Reagan described him as the "mad dog of the Middle East," and his fellow Arab leaders such as Egyptian President Anwar Sadat considered him a dangerous megalomaniac.

Journalists covered his speeches and international visits primarily for amusement.

Images of Gadhafi's final moments—toupee gone, terrified, confused, powerless in the grip of men who may be about to kill him—make the ousted tyrant appear more pitiable than powerful.

All that was far from his image when he and his comrades toppled a Western-backed monarchy in 1969 in a bloodless coup, promising to transform his poor, backwater country into a modern state.

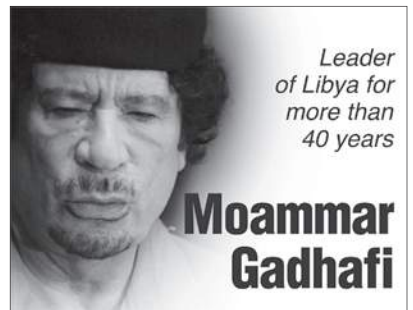
Promising a new era for his people, Gadhafi closed a U.S. air base, forced international oil companies to hand over most of their profits from Libyan oil to the Libyan state and shook the world with his unabashed support for terrorist or insurgent movements in Northern Ireland, Palestine, Latin America, Africa and Asia.

Oil gave him a reach beyond his sparsely populated desert land and enabled him to pursue his revolutionary dreams.

In the 1980s, the lobbies of Tripoli's few hotels were populated by representatives of what the West considered the most dangerous groups on Earth—stiff North Koreans wearing lapel buttons of their leader Kim Il-Sung, Palestinian extremists huddled over cups of sweet tea, European anarchists and revolutionaries—all come to town to seek the oil-fueled largesse of the "Brother Leader."

While insisting that Libya was the freest nation on Earth, Gadhafi ruthlessly suppressed dissent, dispatched agents to assassinate his opponents abroad and drove thousands of Libyans into exile.

It all came crashing down in the final battle in his hometown of Sirte. A man who came to power as an Arab revolutionary and self-styled leader of the oppressed and downtrodden died a brutal and inglorious death at the hands of the people he purported to lead.



Leader of Libya for more than 40 years

Moammar Gadhafi

Early years

Born 1942 near Sirte, Libya
Family Eight children
Education Abandoned university geography studies for a military career

Political career

1969 Leads military coup against King Idris; pronounces himself leader of government and armed forces; titles himself "colonel"
1973 Declares a "cultural revolution" with formations of people's committees
1977 Proclaims Libya as Jamahiriya, state of the masses; titles himself "leader of the revolution"
1992 U.N. imposes sanctions to pressure Libya into handing over suspects from the 1988 Lockerbie bombing; sanctions lifted in 1999 when suspects handed over
2003 Accepts responsibility for 1988 Lockerbie bombing; improves relations with western countries

2011 Libya uprising

Feb. 2011 Arrest of human rights activist starts a riot in Benghazi
April 30 NATO missile attack kills youngest son and three grandchildren in Tripoli
Aug. 29 Son dies in fighting southeast of Tripoli
Oct. 12 Son captured after trying to escape Sirte
Oct. 20 Reported to have been killed after being captured in Sirte

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Health & Fitness

Mexico tackles epidemic of childhood obesity

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Anghella Torres is just 4 years old, but already she weighs 66 pounds (30 kilos)—twice what she should. Because of her excess girth, her little feet constantly hurt from bearing the extra weight.

Anghella knows she is obese and she doesn't like it. And now, even though she doesn't know how to read or count calories, she is on a diet. With the help of her grandmother and caretaker, Elizabeth Sucilla, Anghella is following a modest diet and exercise program established for her by a nurse at a local public hospital earlier this year.

"I have to stop eating candies," she said.

Her new regimen also requires her to cut down on the deep-fried potato wedges she ate every other day in the streets and spoonfuls of heavy cream she downed like yogurt.

Mexico, which claims to have the fattest children in the world, is trying to encourage others to follow Anghella's lead. Public schools have banned junk food and are requiring more hours of physical education while the federal government has launched a media campaign that invites families to enroll their kids in a public weight-loss program.

Yet three-quarters of Mexico City's 2,400 public schools don't have playgrounds or gyms for exercise. And 80 percent of the schools don't have water fountains. Experts stress the importance of drinking more water and fewer sugary drinks to prevent and reverse weight gain.

President Felipe Calderon said earlier this year that Mexico had the highest rate of obesity for children ages 5 to 19 in the world. And although he did not cite any source, University of North Carolina nutrition professor Barry Popkin, who has studied childhood obesity in many countries, agrees that it "is the highest I know of in the world."

While a large number of children in Mexico's poor, rural villages are still underweight, the country as a whole has seen the second-fastest growth rate for childhood obesity of nine countries examined by Popkin in a 2007 study, including the United States. The fastest growth rate of the nine is in Australia, according to the study, which compares health statistics in the countries over the past two decades.

The problem in Mexico is especially pronounced in the capital, Mexico City, and near the U.S.-Mexico border, according to a study by Mexico's National Institute of Public Health.

Children and teenagers make up Mexico's largest age group, representing 39 percent of the country's 112 million people. More than 28 percent of children between 5 and 9, and 38 percent of preteens and teenagers ages 10 to 19, are overweight or obese, according to statistics from the Mexican Social Security Institute.

In the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says 12.5 million, or 17 percent, of children and adolescents ages 2 to 19 are obese. First lady Michelle Obama has tackled the issue with her "Let's Move" campaign, pushing for better school lunches, more access to fruits and vegetables and more physical activity. And Congress last year passed a new law requiring school lunches to be healthier.

In Brazil, a newly industrialized nation like Mexico, 19 percent of children ages 5 to 9 are overweight, and 15 percent are obese, according to government statistics. Officials did not have statistics available for teenagers.

Mexico's public health institute says the problem lies not just with children: Seventy percent of Mexican adults are overweight or obese as well. Officials have decided to target children and teens first, however, because they are the largest age group and fighting their habits now would prevent large numbers of diabetes cases and other illnesses in the future, the officials said.

"The earlier obesity shows up, the higher the risk the kid will become an obese adult and contract other diseases like diabetes, hypertension," said Leticia Martinez, chief nutritionist for Mexico's public health institute. "We see this as an emergency."

Health officials define obesity as having too much body fat. In Mexico, the U.S. and elsewhere, obesity is determined through BMI, a measure of body fat based on height and weight.

Mexico's childhood obesity spans social classes, though the poor are less informed and equipped to deal with the epidemic.

Starting this year, pre-kindergarten and elementary schools completely banned the sale of soft drinks and junk food and replaced previous breakfast programs with dishes rich in vegetables, such as squash blossoms and carrots. Middle schools are only selling sugar-free drinks, low-calorie snacks and small bags of chips that appear in new food guidelines approved by the departments of health and education.

During recess at the Republica Italiana elementary school, children run out of classrooms and form three lines, each one of which leads to a different food option.

Their choices include a turkey hot dog on a wheat bun with tomatoes and no mayonnaise; "nopales," or edible cactus paddles, with sliced peppers on a corn tortilla; sunflower seeds or a scoop of unsweetened lemon sorbet; and slices of cucumbers and carrots.

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In this photo taken on Tuesday July 19, 2011, Elizabeth Sucilla combs the hair of her four-year-old granddaughter Anghella Torres before going out for a walk, at their home in Mexico City.

Principal Yamile Bobadilla says there's nothing she can do about vendors who still gather outside of the school gates to sell sodas, greasy pizzas and chips.

Some of the children, and even some parents, have complained about the junk food ban, she said, adding, "They see me as the witch."

The country's healthy-weight campaign has other challenges: Officials acknowledge there aren't enough dietitians in the public schools to help all of the children in need. They also note a prevailing cultural notion that a chubby baby is a healthy baby.

"Any efforts to improve the school environment are very important to combat the epidemic," said Chessa Lutter, a regional adviser on food and nutrition for the Pan American Health Organization.

Starting in the 2010-2011 school year, education officials began increasing the number of physical education hours from one to three per week based on their conclusion that some children are obese because they don't exercise. On a recent morning at Republica Italiana, several groups of kids were sent out to the school yard to run, play softball or twirl hula-hoops.

Bobadilla said some children still faint and suffer from extreme fatigue because of their weight problems.

Guillermo Ayala, who leads the food guidelines' task force at the Education Department, also heads an effort to have every child in Mexico City weighed and measured by a team of physical education coaches and nurses. Schools with a high number of children who have gained or not lost weight will face administrative sanctions, he said.

Outside the classroom, government-sponsored TV spots show kids struggling under heavy sacks of grain, symbols of the extra pounds (kilos) many are carrying around with them. The ads invite parents to enroll their children in a government-run program of diet and exercise. About 5.3 million children participate every year, but officials don't keep track of how many of them are overweight.

Anghella's grandmother Sucilla took her to a public hospital in May at the suggestion of the girl's day care providers, who said something would have to be done about the child's diet and exercise before she started school in August.

A nurse at the hospital suggested that Anghella start taking regular walks, drinking a lot of water and eating more whole grains, vegetables and fruits.

She goes often to visit the nurse, who weighs her regularly.

At home, when her small hand tries to reach for a sweet roll on the table, Sucilla slaps it and says, "You know why, my little girl."

Anghella said she doesn't like it when adults say she's fat.

"No, sweetheart. You are cuddly," Sucilla tells her. But she then adds, "I worry because I don't want my little girl to be an obese girl."

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Life & Style

Jackson doctor's defense challenges key expert

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The lead attorney for the doctor charged in Michael Jackson's death challenged a key prosecution expert Friday about his contention that the physician was responsible for the death of the singer.

Attorney Ed Chernoff cross-examined Dr. Steven Shafer, who previously testified that the only plausible explanation for the death was that Jackson had been hooked up to an IV drip of the anesthetic propofol then left alone by Dr. Conrad Murray.

"That's a bold claim, isn't it," Chernoff asked.

AP

Dr. Conrad Murray looks on during his involuntary manslaughter trial in Los Angeles, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011.

"It's an honest statement," Shafer replied.

Chernoff also questioned the Columbia University researcher and professor about his IV demonstration for jurors on Thursday.

The defense attorney suggested Shafer had drawn conclusions that weren't necessarily supported by the evidence. Chernoff said the type of IV line that Shafer used in the demonstration was never found at Jackson's house.

Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter. He could face up to four years behind bars and the loss of his medical license if convicted.

Shafer was expected to be the last witness called by the prosecution. After Shafer's testimony ends, defense attorneys will begin presenting their case.

In a development outside the presence of jurors, Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor set a Nov. 16 hearing to determine whether he should find defense expert Dr. Paul White in contempt for talking to a reporter on Thursday in violation of a gag order.

E! Entertainment reported Thursday on its website that White called either Shafer or Deputy District Attorney David Walgren a "scumbag."

White said in court that he didn't recall making the statement.

He told Pastor that he had talked to Walgren after the prosecutor pulled a tab from the side of a bottle of propofol that was recovered at Jackson's mansion.

He said he told Walgren it was "inappropriate to tamper with evidence found at the scene."

White and Shafer have known each other for nearly 30 years.

In a closed chambers meeting before court started on Friday, Walgren asked that White be expelled from the courtroom for the remainder of Shafer's testimony.

The judge declined, and Chernoff said he was embarrassed by the incident and he would ensure it didn't happen again. He said White had been hurt by Shafer's criticism of him during testimony.

Pastor previously ordered Chernoff's partner, Matt Alford, to appear at a contempt hearing over comments made during a network TV interview.

Longtime CBS correspondent Robert Pierpoint dies

LOS ANGELES (AP)—CBS News correspondent Robert C. Pierpoint—who covered six presidents, the Korean War, the Kennedy assassination and the Iranian hostage crisis in a career that spanned more than four decades—died Saturday in California, his daughter said. He was 86.

Pierpoint, who retired in 1990, died of complications from surgery at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Marta Pierpoint told The Associated Press. He had broken his hip Oct. 12 at the Santa Barbara Retirement Community where he lived with his wife Patricia.

After making his name covering the Korean War—a role he reprised when he provided his radio voice for the widely watched final episode of "MASH" in 1983—Pierpoint became a White House correspondent during the Dwight D. Eisenhower administration, a position he would hold through the Jimmy Carter administration.

"He lived quite an amazing life," said Marta Pierpoint. She said her father was most proud of his coverage of the Korean War, Watergate and most of all the Kennedy assassination, an event that would still bring him to tears in an interview with his hometown paper three weeks before his death.

"I didn't like what the priest said about a time to live and a time to die," Robert Pierpoint told the Santa Barbara News-Press in an Oct. 2 story. "It was not Kennedy's time to die."

Pierpoint said his "one bad mistake" the day of the assassination was not revealing that Jacqueline Kennedy had blood on her pink suit when she walked out of her husband's hospital room.

"I didn't describe the blood, and I should have," he said. "I was in shock."

Pierpoint said of the six administrations he covered, Kennedy's was the most fun.

"He was not afraid of the press," Pierpoint told the News-Press. "He had been a reporter. He knew everyone in the White House press corps by name and reputation and joked with us. He was comfortable in his own skin."

Pierpoint said his first White House assignment, the Dwight D. Eisenhower administration starting in 1957, was not as easy. He said Eisenhower was "a relatively good president, but he wasn't a good communicator. I didn't feel that I did a good job, but they kept me on."

CBS certainly did keep Pierpoint on at the White House, for 23 years, a period he chronicled in his 1981 memoir, "At the White House."

He moved to covering the State Department in 1980, and ended his career on the show "Sunday Morning" with Charles Kuralt.

Born May 16, 1925, in Redondo Beach, Calif., Pierpoint joined the Navy in 1943 but didn't see action. He graduated from the University of Redlands, where his papers and archives are now kept, in 1948.

While a graduate student at the University of Stockholm he began work as a stringer for CBS, and found his calling. His coverage of an attempted Communist coup in Finland won him attention, and he was sent to Tokyo as a full-time correspondent, which led to his coverage of the entire Korean War.

Pierpoint shifted as the news business did from radio to television, and appeared on the first episode of Edward R. Murrow's "See It Now" in 1951, eventually becoming one of the close Murrow associates known as "Murrow's Boys."

Before his career was over he had won two Emmys with other reporters, including one for his work on a 1989 banking scandal just before his retirement.

During retirement he was a frequent speaker and frequently went fishing in Montana.

He also didn't hesitate to give his opinion on the directions the White House went after he left, saying recently that he was not impressed with President Obama.

"He's not a fighter. He surrenders to Congress before it's necessary," Pierpoint told the News-Press. "Lyndon Johnson was a fighter. He fought for what he believed in. He was wrong on Vietnam, but right on civil rights."

In addition to Patricia, he is survived by four children, including actor Eric Pierpoint, who has appeared "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," and "Liar, Liar" with Jim Carrey.

Winfrey meditates with women during Iowa visit

FAIRFIELD, Iowa (AP)—Oprah Winfrey meditated with more than 400 women in southeastern Iowa and also talked to students about her spiritual journey.

Suzanne Stryker says she was among the women participating in the transcendental meditation Wednesday at the Maharishi School in Fairfield. She says no one in the meditation group knew the TV personality was going to be there until Winfrey, who heads the OWN television network, arrived with a film crew.

The private Maharishi School specializes in "consciousness-based education" for kindergarten through 12th grade.

Director Richard Beall says on the school's website that Winfrey spoke with students about her spiritual journey. He says the school will host a discussion Monday night about the visit.

A message left Saturday for Winfrey's production company wasn't immediately returned to The Associated Press.

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Singer Loretta Lynn hospitalized with pneumonia

ASHLAND, Ky. (AP)—Country music singer Loretta Lynn was hospitalized over the weekend with the early stages of pneumonia, according to a representative of the performer.

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This Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010 file photo, shows singer Loretta Lynn in the press room during the 44th Annual Country Music Awards in Nashville, Tenn.

The 76-year-old Lynn was scheduled to perform Saturday at the Performing Arts Center in Ashland, Ky. and Sunday in Durham, N.C., but the Kentucky center issued a news release saying she is in the hospital and would be unable to perform. The Kentucky theater says the show will be rescheduled.

Loretta Lynn Enterprises posted a statement on her website Saturday night that confirmed the cancellations due to illness.

"Doctors have diagnosed her as the beginning stages pneumonia, and will continue to need rest. Loretta is doing well and is disappointed but feels confident she will be ready for upcoming November dates."

Calls by The Associated Press to representatives of Lynn were not immediately returned Saturday.

In August, Lynn canceled shows because of knee surgery. Before that, she returned to live performances with a show at the Grand Ole Opry after being forced to cancel shows in Ohio and Connecticut because she was hospitalized for heat exhaustion.

The daughter of a Kentucky coal miner, Lynn had a string of hits starting in the 1960s—"Coal Miner's Daughter," "You Ain't Woman Enough," "The Pill," and "One's on the Way." Many of her songs reflected her pride in her humble background and her experiences as a wife and mother. Her 1977 autobiography was made into a movie that brought an Oscar for Sissy Spacek's portrayal of Lynn. More recently, Lynn marked 50 years in country music and won two Grammy awards in 2005 for her album "Van Lear Rose."

Pete Seeger and pals attend NYC protest action

NEW YORK (AP)—Folk music legend Pete Seeger joined in the Occupy Wall Street protest Friday night, replacing his banjo with two canes as he marched with throngs of people in New York City's tony Upper West Side past banks and shiny department stores.

The 92-year-old Seeger, accompanied by musician-grandson Tao Rodriguez Seeger, composer David Amram, and bluesman Guy Davis, shouted out a verse as the crowd of about 1,000 people sang and chanted.

They marched peacefully over more than 30 blocks from Symphony Space, where the Seegers and other musicians performed, to Columbus Circle. Police watched from the sidelines.

At the circle, Seeger and friends walked to the chant of "We are the 99 percent" and "We are unstoppable, another world is possible." Seeger stopped to bang a metal statue of an elephant with his cane—to cheers from the crowd.

At the center of the circle, Seeger and Amram were joined by `60s folk singer Arlo Guthrie in a round of "We Shall Overcome," a protest anthem made popular by Seeger.

After more singing, Seeger asked for a mic check to tell the crowd: "The words are simple: I could be happy spending my days on the river that flows both way-ay-ays."

During the march, the younger Seeger, in troubadour fashion like his grandfather, walked among the protesters playing songs. Amra took up a flute and others enlivened the night protest with the sounds of the accordion, banjos, and guitars.

At the front of the throng, marchers held American flags and a large blue flag that said: "Revolution Generation ... Debt is Slavery." Along the way, the crowd sang protest songs made popular or written by Seeger, Woody Guthrie, and others of the protest era.

Occupy Wall Street began a month ago in lower Manhattan among a few young people, and has grown to thousands around the country and the world. An Associated Press-GfK poll says more than one-third of the country supports the Wall Street protesters, and even more—58 percent—say they are furious about America's politics.

'Survivor' fan favorite to run for Ind. governor

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Rupert Boneham won over TV viewers during 2004's "Survivor: All-Stars"—earning a nifty $1 million as the overwhelming choice for fan favorite. Now the bushy-bearded, tie-dye-wearing Boneham is hoping Indiana voters will find him just as charming.

Boneham, 47, announced Saturday that he's seeking the Libertarian Party nomination for Indiana governor, saying he wants to take on the state's political establishment because he feels voters deserve better.

At a news conference in Indianapolis, Boneham said he's the best candidate to replace Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels, who has reached his term limit and can't run next year, because he's "not beholden to any special interests."

In prepared statements circulated later by his campaign, Boneham said he wants to run as the Libertarian candidate because he thinks Indiana voters deserve an alternative to "the dysfunctional state of our current government."

"I have only one interest: Empowering Hoosiers to give back to their communities. If the government puts up roadblocks, then they should be repealed," Boneham said.

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In this May 19, 2010 file photo, former "Survivor" contestant Rupert Boneham poses for a photo as he attends the CBS Upfront presentation in New York.

"Hoosiers have consistently voted in professional politicians and look at the results. Hoosiers should have a different choice in 2012," he said in the news release.

Boneham, who's known for wearing tie-dyed shirts, won $1 million when he was voted fan favorite in 2004's "Survivor: All-Stars." He donated a portion of his winnings to his Indianapolis-based charity, Rupert's Kids, which provides mentoring and job-training to at-risk youths.

Boneham formed an exploratory committee in August for a possible gubernatorial bid and said he wanted to gauge public support to see if they're ready to elect him.

Among the candidates who are seeking to replace Daniels, GOP Rep. Mike Pence and former Democratic Indiana House Speaker John Gregg are the early favorites.

Sam Goldstein, the state chair of the Libertarian Party of Indiana, said he's "very excited" about Boneham's announcement.

"His nomination would be a great asset to the party and I look forward to working with him and his campaign team should he win the nomination at our convention next spring," Goldstein said in a statement.

The party, which will hold its convention April 14, said Boneham has been a supporter and a member of the Libertarian Party for nearly a year.

Friend's gifts go awol after wedding is canceled

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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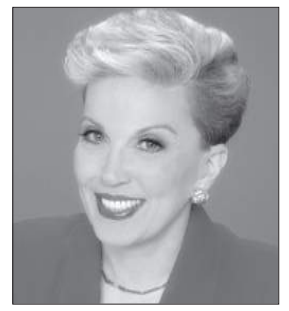

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, my friend of more than 30 years was being married for the first time. Three days before the ceremony, "Caryn's" wedding planner emailed all the guests, saying the wedding was canceled. No explanation was given, and we were asked to "respect the bride's privacy" and refrain from contacting her.

I waited a week, then sent Caryn a note saying I was thinking about her. I had given her two shower gifts and a wedding present a month in advance.

Caryn has not returned the gifts. I didn't expect to get the lingerie back, but I did expect that the expensive tableware would be returned to me. In subsequent phone conversations—and emails and texts—she has never mentioned the gifts. Should I tell her I'd like my gift back or let it drop? Obviously, it's bothering me, but if you tell me I should forget about it, I will.

DISGRUNTLED FRIEND IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FRIEND: Either Caryn doesn't have a clue about proper wedding etiquette—that if a wedding is canceled, all unused gifts should be returned—or her fiance skipped out and took the gifts with him. I see no reason why, after all this time, you shouldn't ask your friend if she's planning on returning the gifts. Then you'll have your answer.

DEAR ABBY: With Halloween fast approaching, my husband and I are again trying to figure out how to deal with a sticky situation. A few years ago, we took in the granddaughter of a dear friend who passed away. "Teresa" is mentally challenged and childlike at age 35.

She gets excited on holidays just like a youngster does. We usually stay home and observe the holidays without incident, but Halloween is different, because Teresa wants to go trick-or-treating and expects candy from people who may not understand.

We've tried in the past to suggest a party at church, but Teresa expects to collect goodies throughout the entire neighborhood, where we don't know everyone. People can be cruel and have made rude comments about Teresa's age and size. (She weighs 300 pounds.)

Is there anything we can do to help strangers understand? Can you think of something else exciting we can do that might interest Teresa and lessen her desire to go trick-or-treating?

SPOOKED FOR HALLOWEEN

DEAR SPOOKED: Teresa should not go trick-or-treating unescorted, and then, only to households where the residents know her or have been alerted to her condition, which should eliminate insensitive comments. If that doesn't work, then perhaps Teresa might enjoy handing out candy to trick-or-treaters who come to your door and celebrating the holiday that way.

DEAR ABBY: I loaned a friend a significant amount of money, with the understanding that he would pay me a small amount every week for a year until it was repaid. For the most part he has been making the payments, but he has missed a few.

In the past, I have always given him a gift of $50 for his birthday and on Christmas. Would it be cheesy on my part to deduct the amount from what he owes me rather than give him cash on these occasions?

DOIN' THE MATH IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR DOIN': While I see your point, you're mixing apples and oranges. A loan is a loan, and a gift is a gift. Your chances of being repaid will be better if you don't mix the two.

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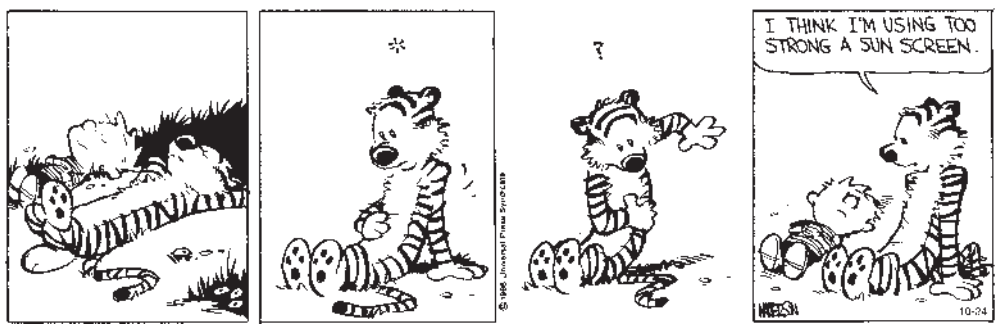

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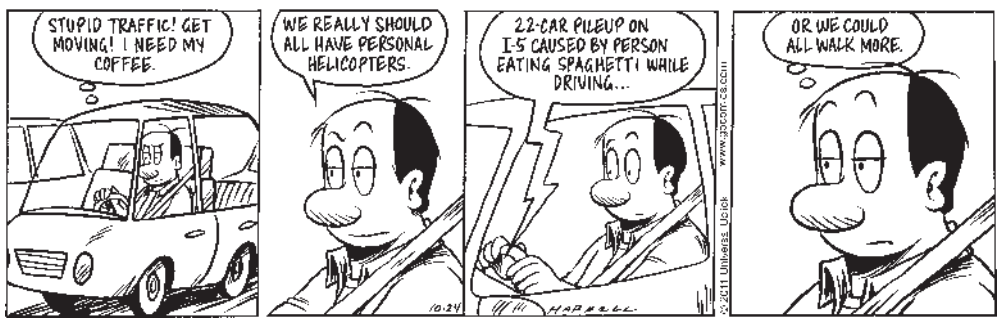
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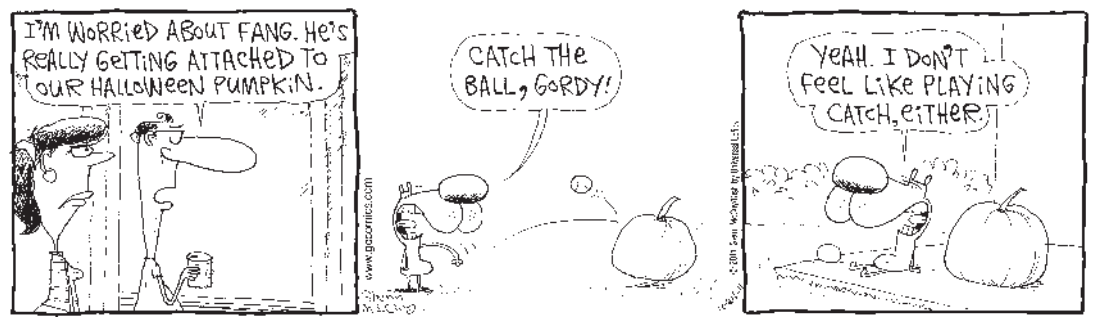
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


I'M WORRIED ABOUT FANG. HE'S REALLY GETTING ATTACHED TO OUR HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN.
CATCH THE BALL, GORDY!
YEAH. I DON'T FEEL LIKE PLAYING CATCH, EITHER.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Feedbag fill
5 Chicken — king
8 Gumbo ingredient
12 Howls
14 Billy Joel's "— Always a Woman"
15 Severely strict
16 Decline, as the visible moon
17 Spot on a domino
18 Lake Victoria nation
20 Florida city
23 Succumb to gravity
24 Kill
25 Without flexibility
28 Peace (Lat.)
29 Star, for short
30 Conger, for one
32 Restored to proper condition
34 Ashen
35 Crew supply
36 Theater path
37 Tawdry (Sl.)
40 Donkey
41 Warmth
42 Tubular pasta
47 Otherwise
48 Easy garment to put on
49 Run off
50 A billion years
51 Tardy

DOWN

1 "— Town"
2 Clay, today
3 Yank
4 Not neat
5 On
6 Romanian money
7 Soothed
8 Lee Harvey —
9 "Star Trek II: The Wrath of —"
10 Tear asunder
11 On the briny
13 Met melody
19 Smooth-talking
20 Recipe meas.
21 Banned apple ripener
22 Long skirt
23 Folder fodder
25 Bent backward
26 Meadows
27 Holler
29 Fellow
31 Shelter
33 Small beard
34 Handgun
36 Now, on a memo
37 Restaurant employee
38 Satan's domain
39 Facility
40 Once more, in dialect
43 UN workers' grp.
44 Eggs
45 Seine
46 Anger

Solution time: 24 mins.

H	A	T	H	■	R	O	S	E	■	A	D	S
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R	E	E	L	■	P	E	A	L	■	I	L	L
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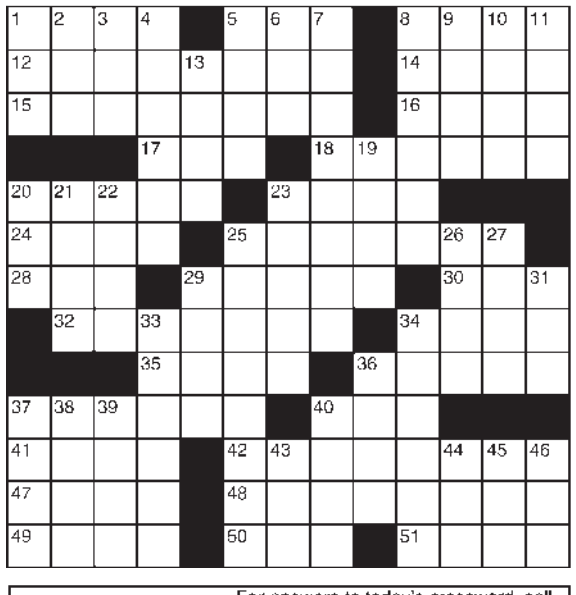
Saturday's answer 10-24



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Shenae Grimes, 22; Casey Wilson, 31; B. D. Wong, 51; Kevin Kline, 64.

Happy Birthday: Go beyond the call of duty. Put your energy to good use. Don't waste time on anger or revenge when what's required is dedication and hard work. Focus on what you can achieve. Live in the moment, and strive to be unique. You have to package what you've got to offer to suit the current markets. Your numbers are 5, 11, 13, 21, 27, 35, 42.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't let anyone take advantage of you. Do things that will benefit you, rather than someone else. Take control, refuse to give in to demands and set the rules to suit your needs. If change is required, be the instigator. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Apply pressure if someone disappoints you. You have to strengthen your position and stand up for your rights. An old friend will help you out. Don't let your emotions hold you back. Make a decision based on facts. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take on a challenge with fervor. Beware of interference from others. A change of heart can lead to new friendships. Don't let work cost you personally. Take care of your domestic responsibilities, no matter what it takes. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Moodiness will ruin your plans. A hobby will help take your mind off someone who is causing you grief. Don't let anyone put you in an uncompromising position. A change due to an older or younger relative can be expected. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Ask questions and find out the facts before you make a personal or financial decision. An impulsive move may solve one problem, but it's sure to cause another. You are better off getting as far away from an unsavory situation as possible. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Follow your heart and you will find a way to cut corners and get ahead. Don't remain idle when an opportunity is within reach. You will end up in a better position if you put more thought and effort into the way you use your experience and skills. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Consider what's important and necessary to be successful. Don't let laziness or the obstacles in your way be your excuse. Face competition or challenges head-on. Win or lose, what counts is how you play the game. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't let anyone put you down. Your reputation must be kept intact. Ask for a favor if it will ensure that you will be able to reach your goals. Speak from the heart and avoid misconceptions that might give the wrong impression. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Do your best to avoid an unsavory situation. Diplomacy will be required. Keep yourself busy with projects that interest you or by picking up knowledge that will help further your goals. Make sure you know what's expected of you. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Caution will be required, but so will speed, flexibility and the determination to finish what you start. The more you do and the further you travel mentally and physically, the better off you'll be. Greater negotiating power will result in higher cash returns. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): An emotional situation will make it hard to hold on to money. Talk to someone who makes wise financial decisions and you will find out how to make yours work for you. Good judgment will be required. Overindulgence will be your downfall. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Communication will lead to resolutions. Contracts, agreements and getting some sort of game plan in place will add to your security and overall well-being. Love and romance are highlighted. Celebrate your good fortune. Opportunities are within reach. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are original, intuitive, proactive, aggressive and adaptable.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

3	7					4		8
	5			2			7	6
1			8		7			
		9		5		7		
	8		4		6		3	
		5		8		2		
			5		2			3
5	6			4			2	
7		4					1	9

Difficulty Level ★ 10/24

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

3	2	1	8	5	4	6	7	9
7	5	6	2	3	9	4	1	8
8	9	4	6	7	1	2	3	5
9	7	8	5	1	6	3	4	2
4	3	5	9	2	7	8	6	1
6	1	2	3	4	8	5	9	7
5	4	3	7	9	2	1	8	6
1	8	9	4	6	5	7	2	3
2	6	7	1	8	3	9	5	4

Difficulty level ★★★★ 10/23

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

THE MATTERHORN, SWITZERLAND **Solution: 9 letters**

W	F	S	C	R	E	H	T	A	E	W	S	A	E	C
I	A	O	K	S	C	G	R	S	P	L	A	L	V	L
L	L	T	R	N	N	S	A	E	I	E	I	L	E	I
D	S	A	E	E	A	T	T	A	G	P	G	X	K	M
L	C	R	I	R	S	L	R	N	K	N	P	D	U	B
I	F	S	E	E	F	T	F	C	I	L	A	S	I	E
F	S	O	H	I	T	A	O	L	O	O	E	D	M	R
E	A	G	U	A	C	R	L	R	L	U	P	Y	O	S
P	I	M	M	R	O	A	E	L	M	E	A	R	U	Y
H	E	R	O	C	F	R	L	K	N	C	Ⓑ	E	N	E
N	E	N	K	U	S	A	O	G	K	Ⓐ	W	N	T	L
Z	I	Y	N	A	S	T	C	P	Ⓢ	E	C	E	A	L
Y	L	A	T	I	E	N	E	Ⓔ	E	P	R	C	I	A
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E	Y	R	U	T	N	E	C	W	P	E	L	B	A	C

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Last Saturday's Answer: Definition

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FOR SALE

Bar GAIA for Sale!! $15,000.00 or best offer. Great location-behind Tony Roma's. Bar is fully furnished. Includes great collection of music videos. Must see to appreciate. Pls contact 483-3415 or email: steve78chae@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT

(13) Mason, (5) Carpenter, (1) Plumber. 5 years experience. Email resume to landmark@pticom.com

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1- Housekeeping cleaner - $5.05/hr. 3 yrs experience required. Maintain private household/commercial establishment, prepare meals, bathe, dress, do laundry for a senior person with mild disability and other assigned duties. Flexible, careful to detail and has stress tolerance. Send resume to anlhrd@aol.com. A&L Corporation

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1-Certified General Appraiser. Must be a CNMI licensed general appraiser. 15 yrs experience. $1,500-$2,000.00 p/m. Marianas Professional Services, Inc. Email resume to lbtappraisal@pticom.com

1-Accountant. $1,000.00p/m. Bachelor Degree in Accounting. 5 yr experience. Must be flexible. Email resume to lbtappraisal@pticom.com

EMPLOYMENT

1-General Maintenance, 1-Commercial Cleaner $5.05 p/h. No phone calls please. Interested applicants please mail to V&C Enterprises, Inc. PO Box 501595, Saipan, MP 96950.

1-Manager/Cashier. Salary $5.05 p/h, 1-General Maintenance. Salary $5.05 p/h, 3-Material Handler. Salary $5.05 p/h. If interested please call Julita C. Diaz dba Island Store at 433-3886.

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(1) Administrative Assistant. College Level. 5 years experience. CISCO Co. Inc.: email resume to cisco.cnmi@yahoo.com

(1) Sales Representative. Multilingual: Chinese, Japanese, Korean. BFJ Corporation: email resume to cisco.cnmi@yahoo.com

(2) General Maintenance, (1) Commercial Cleaner. 3-5 years experience. Valid Driver's License. Police Clearance Required. San Vicente Estates: email resume to cisco.cnmi@yahoo.com

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1-Maintenance Repairer. $5.05-5.50/h. 5yrs exp. in maintaining, repairing, & operating silk screen machines & other printing equipment.

1-Graphic Artist. $5.05-5.50/h. 5yrs exp. In graphic designing and must have knowledge in graphics and visual display software.

1-Computer Technician. $5.05-5.50/h. 5yrs exp. In solving & troubleshooting problems related to desktop computers, laptops, large format printers & different types of computers.

1-Offset Operator. $5.05-5.50/h. 5yrs exp. In operating offset printing machine.

EMPLOYMENT

1-Industrial Engineer.$5.05-6.00/h. 5yrs exp. In solving production problems; develops control systems that help in analysis of costs and planning of finances; develops cost efficient processes; and monitors the general flow of operations.

1-Seamstress. $5.05/h. 4yrs exp. In sewing t-shirts and different kinds of sports uniforms. Please send resume to PO Box 8065 SVRB, Saipan MP 96950 or email at rosal_zest@yahoo.com. (Rosal/Zest Enterprises & United Printers)

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(1) Accounting Associate. $5.05-6-.00/h, College graduate w/at least 5 yrs work related exp. knowledgeable w/AccountEdge Premium Accounting Software is preferred.

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(1) F&B Manager. $5.05-6.00/h. Bachelor's Degree w/at least 5 yrs work related exp.. Must have good working knowledge in Japanese.

(4) Cook. $5.05/h. Flexible working hours. At least 5 yrs professional exp. & specialized in Russian gourmet. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service. Vimar Offshore, Inc. dba Manic Inn. Email resume w/job references to manicinn@pticom.com

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Church Clerk(1) Part time (24hrs/wk) Korean language a must. Computer literate, 5 yrs ofc wrk exp. Send resume to Korean Presbyterian Church, PO Box 501526 Saipan, MP 96950 or call 234-8541

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2 Carpenter $ 5.05/hr. Min. of 5 yrs experience. Fax resume to 234-9796 Kimco Enterprises, Inc.

1-Commercial Cleaner. 20 plus years experience. Contact Island Management Services at 483-9464.

1-Accountant-$5.05/hr. Mail resume to O & S Enterprises at P.O. Box 504247, Saipan or call 234-5959

WHATZIT Solution: Arm-in-arm

EMPLOYMENT

1-Graphic Artist-$5.05/hr. Mail resume to O & S Enterprises at P.O. Box 504247, Saipan or call 234-5959

1-General Manager $1,500-2,000/m. At least 5yrs experience. 1-Manager $1,500-1,800/m At least 5yrs experience.1-Assistant Manager 1,500-1,800/m At least 5yrs experience. 4-Arcade Attendant $5.05. At least 3-5yrs experience. 2-Commercial Cleaner $5.05/h 2-5yrs experience. 1-Electronic Technician $5.05-8.00/h. Bachelor Degree. 5yrs experience. 1-Dress maker $5.05/h. At least 3yrs experience. Interested U.S. applicant may send resume to Jimin Enterprises, Inc. PMB 844 Box 10001 Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. 233-3378

1-Manager. 3-5 yrs experience, 1-Cook 3-5 years experience. Able to cook Chinese and Western cuisines. Interested U.S. applicant may send resume to Alice International Corporation P.O. Box 5530 Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. 233-6666

1-Commercial Cleaner. $5.05/hr. Min. 2 yrs experience. Email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com. I.M. Calvo, LLC.

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2 Scuba Diving Instructor $5.05/hr. Min 5 yrs exp. Must speak, write & read Japanese. Certified by PADI. Napori Shoukai Inc. Tel: 322-2320

2- Tailor. 2 years experience required. 2-Dressmaker. 2 years experience required. 2-Jewelry Appraiser. Must have 4 to 5 years experience in jewelry appraisal, honest and trustworthy. 1-Administrative Officer. Minimum 5 years experience in administrative work. Applicant must have knowledge of computer applications for occupation revolves around the handling of information and assignments through the use of computers. Must have knowledge in accounting and bookkeeping software's such as Peachtree Accounting, Microsoft Excel and Word. Must also have good oral and written communication skills. Must have own transportation and valid driver's license. Applicants must mail resume with valid identifications, police clearance & previous employment certification to PLATINUM INC. PMB 326 PPP Box 10000, Saipan MP 96950. No phone calls please.

1-Jewelry Appraiser. Must have 4 to 5 years experience in jewelry appraisal, honest and trustworthy. 1-Commercial Cleaner. Must have 3 to 4 years work experience with good employment records.Applicants must mail resume together with valid identifications, police clearance & previous employment certification to GOLDEN EAGLE CORPORATION PMB 326 PPP BOX 10000, Saipan MP 96950. No phone calls please.

2-Beauticians. Must have 2 to 3 years work experience. Must be able to work with flexible hours. 1-Barber. Must have 2 to 3 years work experience. Must be familiar with crew cut, flat top and hair tattoos. 1-Jewelry Appraiser. Must have 4 to 5 years experience in jewelry appraising, honest and trustworthy. Applicants must mail resume together with valid identifications, police clearance and previous employment certification to CALMA CORPORATION PMB 205 PPP BOX 10000, SAIPAN MP 96950. No phone calls please.

1-Piano teacher: $1,800/mo. Bachelor's degree in music education and at leasr five years of experience required. Email resume to yonsei@hanmisaipan.com.

2-Auto (radiator) repairer: $5.05/hr. At least five years of experience

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the general public, that Raul S. Pineda is no longer employed at Marianas Exchange, Inc. effective October 15, 2011. Any transactions or deals entered by him in our behalf on or after October 15, 2011, will be null and void.

EMPLOYMENT

required. Email resume to grace@hanmisaipan.com.

2-Scuba Diving Instructor $5.05/hr Min 5 yrs exp. Must speak, write & read Japanese. Certified by PADI Napori Shoukai Inc. Tel: 322-2320

1-Cook. Salary $800-$1,200. Monthly. More than 5 years experience. 1-Cook Helper. Salary $5.05/hr. More than 5 years experience. Interested applicants may email resume to juliedeth99@yahoo.com no later than Oct. 28, 2011. KEUM OH CORPORATION

1-Cook. Salary $5.05/hr. More than 5 years experience. 1-Cook Helper. Salary $5.05/hr. More than 5 years experience. Interested applicants may email resume to jang.cor@yahoo.com no later than Oct. 28, 2011. JANG CO. LTD.

Professional House Sitter, References. aspentraxx@yahoo.com

Yoga for Beginners of All Ages Excellent, Experienced & Certified Teacher aspentraxx@yahoo.com

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1-Auto Mechanic. 12 Housekeeping/Janitorial Cleaners. 5 years experience $ 5.05/hr. Contact 235-8097 to fax resume or email to janilos2007@gmail.com. SANDOR COMPANY

(1) Maintenance Repairer

Wage range $5.05 per hour

Perform routine preventive maintenance and repair tasks to ensure machines, mechanical equipments, electrical or electronics is in good running conditions and building physical structure condition does not deteriorate. Applicant must be highly skilled in masonry, carpentry and plumbing. High school level or an equivalent of 18 years of continued experience in maintenance and construction related trades. Applicant must be able to keep records of maintenance and repairs works.

All interested applicants must be of good moral character, good health condition and must provide police clearance.

Interested applicants may submit your application to EBETUER SAIPAN CORP. or call Carmen at 234-3124 or 235-1806

Ocean Club, Inc. - Vacancy Announcement

(1) MANAGER - DIVING: Directs overall operation of business and related matters in diving activities and lodging. Directs and coordinates necessary workflow of a busy training facility. Requirement in management include ability to work in a distracting, fast-paced environment and adapt to changes; must possess excellent client / customer-service and interpersonal communication skills; must maintain meticulous record and files, and be computer literate (i.e. familiar with recent versions of Microsoft office and internet programs); basic understanding for concept of laws and regulations a plus. Requirement in diving instruction include ability to train scuba diving instructor candidates and CPR instructor candidates; teach sports and diving activities to individuals or group s by explaining and demonstrating principle techniques and movement of body , hands or feet to achieve proficiency in activities, explain and demonstrate the use of scuba diving by the standard of N.A.U.I., and guide and accompany them in diving tour, etc. Consulting knowledge and marketing skill for boat building a plus. Must be college graduate with at least 2 yrs. management experience in the diving field required, 5years preferred Must possess Certification (NAUI) as Dive Instructor for community (5-10yrs experience preferred), Specialty trainer (with minimum 2 yrs. experience and as CPR instructor for community First Aid and Safety. Certification as Course Director, a plus. Proficiency in Japanese language (both oral and written) critical. Monday to Saturday, 9:00 am to 6:00pm, semi-monthly salary with housing provided. Interest applicants must submit your resume with supporting certification documents and police clearance via email at cnmi@live.com.

Marianas Medical Center Job Vacancies

Medical Laboratory Technicians (3 positions). Associate degree in Medical Technology or minimum CLIA required course hours for high complexity lab testing. Minimum of 2 years recent work experience in a CLIA certified medical laboratory. Must have work experience in operating Siemens chemistry and ABX hematology systems. Salary range $6.00 to $8.50, depending on qualification and experience. Please submit resume with 2 by 2 pictures at Marianas Medical Center (MMC) in Garapan no later than October 24, 2011. Qualified applicants are required to submit police clearance and drug testing results. MMC is a Smoke Free Work Place.

CHOI CORPORATION
DBA: KOREA HARDWARE
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Assistant Manager — **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
Can speak/write English, Chinese and Korean Language
College or High School Graduate w/ 10 years experience in a hardware store.
Must be computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
Must be able to provide customer service by greeting, assisting and responding to inquiries and complains.
Must be able to monitor sales activities to ensure that customers receive good service and quality goods.
With knowledge to purchase products local and overseas, Import/Export, Compute Cubic Feet, & OSHA regulations.

(1) Accountant — **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
Holders a degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce Major in Accounting. 10 years experience in the field of accounting & in a hardware store. Proficient in MS Excel and MS Word and have a valid drivers license.
Must be knowledgeable in Account Payables/Receivables, Bank Reconciliation, Payroll, Wire Transfer, Withholding Tax, FICA Tax, BGR Tax, Excise Tax and any other taxes required in a company.
With knowledge to purchase products local and overseas, Import/Export, Compute Cubic Feet, & OSHA regulations.
Must be able to prepare Financial Statement Report.

(1) Electrician, Building — **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
College or High School Graduate w/ 10 years experience in a field of electricity. Must be computer literate.
Must be skilled in connect wires to circuit breakers, transformers, or other components.
Must be skilled in repair or replace wiring, equipment using hand tools and power tools.
Must be able to play lay-out and installation of electrical wiring, equipment based on job specifications and local codes.

(1) Material Coordinator — **Salary: $5.05/Hour**
Can speak/write English and Korean Language
College Graduate w/10 years experience. Must be computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
Must be able to coordinates activities involved with procuring goods and services such as materials, equipment, tools, parts, supplies and advertising for establishments. Must be able to confers with vendors to obtain product or service information such as price, availability and delivery schedule.
Must be able to selects products for purchase by testing, observing or examining items.
With knowledge to purchase products local and overseas, Import/Export, Compute Cubic Feet, & OSHA regulations.

(1) Sales Representative — **Salary:$5.05/Hour**
Can speak/write English and Korean Language
College Graduate w/ 5 years experience. Computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
Must be able to works for the customer satisfaction, revenue generation, and long-term account goals in line with the company vision and values. Must be able to assist in the implementation of marketing plans as needed and maintain accurate records of all sales.

Interested applicants must send resume to Fax# 235-0697
No Phone Calls Please

Job Vacancy Announcement – Chong's Corp.

One (1) SALES ENGINEER - Salary $1,200 - $2,500/monthly

- Sells HVACR mechanical, electrical and related equipment, parts, supplies with required professional engineering knowledge and judgment on product recommendation
- Prepares estimates on equipment, parts, supplies or services as needed
- Knowledgeable in Building Management System
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans & specifications and prepare shop drawing

One (1) BOOKKEEPER - Salary $1,200 - $2,500/monthly

- Prepare tax returns, tax payments & financial reports and verify its accuracy and conformance with Standard Accounting principle
- Monitor daily transactions, prepare journal entries and record into Peachtree Accounting program
- Handle customer billings, collections, cash receipts, payment & payroll
- Knowledgeable in Peachtree Accounting program and Microsoft office
- Must have knowledge in air-conditioning equipment and parts ordering system

Four (4) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION - Salary $5.05 - $8.00/hr

- Install , service and repair of ventilation, central air conditioning and refrigeration systems
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT control systems and electrical/electronic control systems
- Repair and service of chilled water air conditioning system
- EPA Section 608 and R-410A Certification required

One (1) SHEET METAL WORKER - Salary $5.05 - $7.00/hr

- Fabricate, assemble, install and repair sheet metal products and equipment such as ducts, control boxes, drain pipes and furnace casings
- Set-up and operate fabricating machines, soldering and welding equipment
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications
- All above must possess good communication skill and minimum 10-year experience required

One (1) COMMERCIAL CLEANER - Salary $5.05/hr

- Perform duties to maintain and clean office & private residence in an orderly manner
- Perform basic household chores
- Must be honest, responsible, reliable & efficient at all times and police clearance required

E-mail resume to chongs@pticom.com

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

REFRIGERATION MECHANIC (2)
Qualifications: High School Graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 8 yrs experience working with a cold storage facility. Must be able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigerating systems. Must be able to install and repair office and vehicle air conditioning. Must be EPA certified technician type universal.

FLEET MECHANIC (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 7 yrs experience in maintenance, problem diagnosis, repair, and overhaul of light trucks as well as automobiles, vans and forklifts. Must have mechanical knowledge of gas and diesel engine including overhauling. Must be knowledgeable about safety standards. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's medical fitness certificate.

AUTO BODY REPAIRER (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years experience in auto and truck body repair. Must be knowledgeable in using power tools and welding machines.

PROGRAMMER ANALYST (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years experience in Computer programming, networking, CCTV system. Knowledgeable in troubleshooting of hardware and software system, and data files security measures. Must be proficient in Windows, Citrix, Foxpro, and WIS software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE (5)
Qualifications: High school graduate or an Associate degree holder. Minimum 5 yrs experience in wholesale sales of frozen, chilled and dry food items. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Must have good interpersonal skills. Extensive contacts in various businesses and industries are an advantage. Proficiency in Chinese and Korean language a plus. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license.

SALES SUPERVISOR (1)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree in Business, Sales or Marketing. Minimum 8 yrs experience in wholesale & distribution of frozen, chill & dry food items. Extensive product knowledge of frozen food items and fresh produce items required. Must have extensive contact in various industries. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Must have good interpersonal skills. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATE (6)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree. Minimum 4 years work-related experience in general accounting in a wholesale company. Must have extensive knowledge and experience in receivables, payables, shipments documentation, inventory control, costing, billing, and invoicing Must be proficient in MS Word, Excel, and WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT, INVENTORY (1)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree in Business or Accounting. Minimum 4 years work-related experience in inventory management and control. Knowledge of and experience in handling frozen food items. Must know USDA inspection rules. Must be proficient in MS Word, Excel and WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTANT (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Minimum 8 years work-related experience in general accounting in the wholesale industry. Must be able to prepare and maintain G/L, financial statements and reports. Must be able to prepare payroll and monthly, quarterly and annual tax returns. Must know CNMI & Federal tax rules. Must be proficient in MS Word and Excel, WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

WAREHOUSE WORKER (8)
Qualifications: High school graduate a plus. Minimum 3 yrs experience working in a Cold Storage warehouse (10F). Must have valid Food Handler's certificate. Must posses a valid forklift operator certificate. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license and a clean traffic history. Must have product and handling knowledge of frozen, chilled, and dry food items. Must be able to do strenuous work such as unloading container vans, stacking, lifting, carrying, and moving heavy items. Must be able to lift and move 50 lbs frequently and up to 80 lbs occasionally.

WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate. Minimum 7 yrs experience working in a Cold Storage warehouse (10F). Must have extensive product and handling knowledge of frozen, chilled, and dry food items. Must have valid Food Handler's certificate. Must possess a valid forklift operator certificate. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

DELIVERY DRIVER (9)
Qualifications: High School graduate. Minimum 3 years experience as a wholesale delivery driver delivering frozen, chilled and dry-goods products. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license and a clean traffic history. Must have a valid CNMI Drivers' fitness medical certificate. Must have a valid Food Handler's certificate. Proficient in driving right-hand drive trucks.

MAINTENANCE REPAIRER (4)
Qualifications: High school graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 5 years experience in maintenance and repair of buildings (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, mechanical, etc.), equipments and machineries. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

HOUSEKEEPER, COMMERCIAL and RESIDENTIAL (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years experience. Must be able to clean office and residence efficiently. Must be to monitor daily medications, prepare meals and do laundry for senior citizen. Dependable attendance, hardworking and follows directions well. Honest and trustworthy. Must be able to work early mornings, late nights and weekends. Current police and court clearance required.

All positions close on October 31, 2011

Interested applicants must fill up application forms at:
Yaong Corp.
Rem Center, Gualo Rai, Saipan

A copy of valid police and court clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Background checks will be required prior to employment. Pre-employment and random drug testing may be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification & experience.

APPROACH GROUP (CNMI), LLC
Vacancy Announcement

1-Accountant. Salary $5.05 - $12.69/hr 5 years experience in Financial Accounting. Minimum of a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Extensive knowledge of United States GAAP. Proficient in Peachtree accounting software. Able to work flexible hours, with own reliable transportation.

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com

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Gana Corporation is looking for:

2-Teachers – Bachelors Degree required
1-Operations Manager – 5 years minimum experience. Knowledge to speak and write Korean language preferred. Can cook Korean food.

Call Jean at 287-4970

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www.saipantribune.com

Hong Ye Trading Company
P.O. Box 502997 Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for US workers'
3-Mason, 4-Carpenters, 1-Electrician
Minimum of 2 to 5 yrs experience.
Salary $5.05 per hour. Call 235-8748.
Email tomastchong@gmail.com
or call 888-5748

Vacancy Announcement

2-Waitress, 2-Bartender, 1-Floor Manager.

Qualifications: With 5 years experience, good communication in English and Japanese and can work with flexible time.

Interested U.S. applicants, please drop resume at Ocean's Club Disco and Bar in Garapan between 7pm to 9pm or email your resume at rei_yamagishi@hotmail.com.

NO phone calls, please. WTT (USA), LLC-PO Box 5353 CHRB

Tour company Belka Tours is announcing vacancy on 4 positions of Tour Manager with the rate of $5.05 per hour.

Job requirements: Bachelor degree, Knowledge of the Russian tourism market, tour company operations, local hospitality industry and land operations, familiarity with specifics of a diving tourism. Language Skills: Russian - fluent oral and written, English - confident oral and written (preferably E-094 or higher). Communication skills, Computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, and Adobe Photoshop); 5 years experience in tourism industry; Licenses: driving is a must; scuba diving of any level is a plus. Must be legal to work in the CNMI.

Submit resume via e-mail belkators@pticom.com or fax to 234-6286.

Job Vacancy Announcement

2 – AUTO PAINTER ; 2 – AUTO BODY REPAIRER – Minimum of 5 years work experience; at least high school graduate

1 – ACCOUNTANT – With Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration major in Accounting; minimum of 7 years work experience in general accounting procedures; must be able to prepare, analyze and interpret financial statements, tax returns, payroll, customers' billings, and other accounting reports/documents, and perform other related duties.

1 – OPERATIONS MANAGER – College level; minimum of 7 years work experience in automotive industry operations and management; must have knowledge in cost estimation, paint analysis, mechanical and air conditioning diagnosis and repairs; with excellent written and oral communication skills

1 – GENERAL MANAGER – With Bachelor's Degree; minimum of 7 years work experience in automotive industry operations and management; must be able to plan, prepare and implement marketing, financial, personnel and technical programs for company's yearly operations; with excellent written and oral communication skills;

Interested applicants,
please call Tel. No. 288-0928.
PHILIPPINE EAGLE CORPORATION
Dba Philippine Eagle Auto Repair Shop
P.O. Box 501900 CK, Saipan, MP 96950

Job Vacancy Announcement
1 - Construction Supervisor
1 - Carpenter

Must have at least 3 years work experience in construction business.

Interested Qualified US Workers can drop resume to ASC Arch Structure Corporation Chalan Kiya, Saipan

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Job Vacancy Announcement
Dive Marianas Corporation

1 General Manager

Must have PADI License. At least 5 years work experience as Dive Shop Manager.

Compensation commensurate experience

Interested Qualified US Workers can e-mail resume to divemarianasinc@gmailcom

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IMMEDIATE OPENING

STEVEDORE
DIESEL MECHANIC
EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
WELDER
GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER
CRANE OPERATOR

APPLY IN PERSON AND BRING RESUME. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

"Any applicant tentatively selected for these positions are required to submit to and pass a drug test screening prior to employment."

SAIPAN STEVEDORE COMPANY, INC.
Port of Saipan

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Northern Marianas Trades Institute has an opening for an

Office Clerk

Salary will be based on qualifications.

Apply in person at
Saipan Ice & Water Company
or email resume to: spnice@pticom.com

POLARIS DEVELOPMENT CORP. is looking for:

- **CARPENTER (3 positions)** - With background and experience in structural construction, in plumbing & masonry.
- **ALL AROUND BEAUTICIAN (6 positions)** - Must have knowledge in all services provided in a Salon
- **MASSEUSE (3 positions)**
- **BOOK KEEPER (1 position)** - with Bachelor degree in Accounting and with background in financial preparation.

All applicants must have at least 2 years experience and must have excellent knowledge and skills on the category they are applying for.

APPLY IN PERSON AND BRING RESUME

"Any applicant tentatively selected for these positions are required to submit and pass a drug test screening prior to employment."

For more info please call Ms. Jojo Faller at 235-5599, 483-1971 or 285-0019.

WANTED AVON REPRESENTATIVE
and earn up to 20% to 50% commission. Please call Ms. Jojo Faller at 323-4455 or 483-1971.

YK CORPORATION DBA SUNSHINE LAUNDRY

Industrial Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers (9) - $4.55-$5.05/hour

Operate or tend washing or dry-cleaning machines to wash or dry-clean industrial or household articles, such as cloth garments, suede, leather, furs, blankets, draperies, linens, rugs, and carpets. Includes spotters and dyers of these articles.

Tasks:
- Receives & mark articles for laundry or dry cleaning with identifying code numbers or names, using hand or machine markers.
- Start washers, dry cleaners, driers, or extractors, and turn valves or leers to regulate machine processes and the volume of soap, detergent, water, bleach, starch and other additives.
- Sort and count articles removed from dryers, and fold, wrap, or hang them.
- Examine and sort into lots articles to be cleaned, according to color, fabric, dirt content, and cleaning technique required.
- Load articles into washers or dry-cleaning machines, or direct other workers to perform loading.
- Mix and add detergents, dyes, bleaches, starches, and other solutions and chemicals to clean, color, dry, or stiffen articles.
- Clean machine filters, and lubricate equipment.
- Remove items from washers or dry-cleaning machines, or direct other workers to do so.
- Operate extractors and driers, or direct their operation.
- Inspect soiled articles to determine sources of stains, to locate color imperfections, and to identify items requiring special treatment.

Knowledge:
Customer and Personal Service – Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction.

Skills:
Must have at least 2 years work experience in the Laundry Dry Cleaning services that caters to hotels. Must be able to work evening, weekend and holiday.
Operation and Control – controlling operations of equipment or systems. (Washing Machine, Steam Dryer, Folding Machine, etc.

Abilities:
Arm-Hand Steadiness – the ability to keep your hand and arm steady while moving your arm or while holding your arm and hand in one position.
Near Vision – the ability to see details at close range (within a few feet of the observer)
Trunk Strength – the ability to use your abdominal and lower back muscles to support part of the body repeatedly or continuously over time without 'giving out' or fatiguing.

Work Activities:
Getting Information • Performing General Physical Activities • Controlling Machines and Processes • Training and Teaching Others • Handling and Moving Objects • Communicating with Supervisors, Peers or Subordinates • Inspecting Equipment, Structures, or Material • Assisting and Caring for Others • Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships • Monitor Processes, Materials, or Surroundings.

Please send resume to Y K Corporation PO Box 502913 CK Saipan, MP 96950

Closing Date: October 31, 2011

Grace Christian Academy
is looking for:

Accountant (2) needed:
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting
5 or more years accounting in Christian school Proficiency in Accountrak/School Minder programs

Download application at www.gca-nmi-com and submit at Grace Christian Academy

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Grace Christian Assembly
is looking for:

Accountant (1)
Bachelor's degree in Accounting
5 or more years in Church Accounting
Willing to work on flexible time.

Get application at Grace Christian Assembly, 1:30 to 3:30 PM, Tuesday to Friday.

Job Vacancy Announcement

Auditor and Senior Auditor

Open: October 24, 2011 • Closed: November 07, 2011
FLSA Status: Exempt

The CNMI Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is looking for experienced auditors to fill-in the following positions: Auditor and Senior Auditor. Detailed information about the requirement for the positions and employment application may be obtained at the OPA website: http://www.opacnmi.com .

Interested applicants must submit all the required information by mail, email, or hand delivery at the office/email addresses listed below. Submission must be marked confidential and must have the applicant's name and returned address.

Office of the Public Auditor
1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill • P.O. Box 501399, Saipan MP 96950
Email: jobs@opacnmi.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

Legal Counsel (2)

Open: October 24, 2011 • Closed: November 07, 2011
FLSA Status: Exempt

The CNMI Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is looking for experienced legal counsels. Detailed information about the requirement for the positions and employment application may be obtained at the OPA website: http://www.opacnmi.com .

Interested applicants must submit all the required information by mail, email, or hand delivery at the office/email addresses listed below. Submission must be marked confidential and must have the applicant's name and returned address.

Office of the Public Auditor
1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill • P.O. Box 501399, Saipan MP 96950
Email: jobs@opacnmi.com

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1 Vacancy for Commercial Cleaner. Wage range $5.05 per hour. Perform work involving the following: Clean building floors by sweeping, mopping, scrubbing, or vacuuming them, gather and empty trash, service, clean, and supply restrooms, clean and polish furniture and fixtures, clean windows, glass partitions, and mirrors, using soapy water or other cleaners, sponges, and squeegees, dust furniture, walls, machines, and equipment, make adjustments and minor repairs to heating, cooling, ventilating, plumbing, and electrical systems, mix water and detergents or acids in containers to prepare cleaning solutions, according to specifications, steam-clean or shampoo carpets, strip, seal, finish, and polish floors, clean and restore building interiors damaged by fire, smoke, or water, using commercial cleaning equipment, clean chimneys, flues, and connecting pipes, using power and hand tools, clean laboratory equipment, such as glassware and metal instruments, using solvents, brushes, rags, and power cleaning equipment, drive vehicles required to perform or travel to cleaning work, including vans, industrial trucks, or industrial vacuum cleaners, follow procedures for the use of chemical cleaners and power equipment, in order to prevent damage to floors and fixtures, monitor building security and safety by performing such tasks as locking doors after operating hours and checking electrical appliance use to ensure that hazards are not created, move heavy furniture, equipment, and supplies, either manually or by using hand trucks, mow and trim lawns and shrubbery, using mowers and hand and power trimmers, and clear debris from grounds, notify managers concerning the need for major repairs or additions to building operating systems, requisition supplies and equipment needed for cleaning and maintenance duties, set up, arrange, and remove decorations, tables, chairs, ladders, and scaffolding to prepare facilities for events such as banquets and meetings, spray insecticides and fumigants to prevent insect and rodent infestation.
Education: High school level, or an equivalent with at least four years of continued experience in cleaning, child care, or related trades. Must arrive for work on time, all of the time. Must be able to work nights, weekends, and holidays, as required. Must be able to plan and execute work in a self-contained environment. Must be able to read, and write basic English and speak and understand spoken English well. Able to converse in Tagalog or other non-English languages preferred. Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health and good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must have no criminal history and be able to provide current police and court clearance, must be able to obtain health certificate, must have reliable transportation and must agree to a drug test. Please email complete resume to Seanfrink@gmail.com by October28.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT – JWS AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION, INC.

ONE (1) SALES ENGINEER – Salary $1,200.00 - $2,000.00 Monthly
- SALES HVACR MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, PARTS, SUPPLIES WITH REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE AND JUDGEMENT ON PRODUCT RECOMMENDATION
- PREPARE ESTIMATES ON EQUIPMENT, PARTS, SUPPLIES, OR SERVICES AS NEEDED
- KNOWLEDGE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, EXPERIENCE WITH TURBOCOR COMPRESSORS AND CONTROLS A PLUS.
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN INTERPRETING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND PREPARE SHOP DRAWING
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN WINTAC PRO HVAC SOFTWARE

FOUR (5) TECHNICIANS – Air Conditioning and Refrigeration – Salary $5.05 - $10.00/Hour.
- INSTALL, SERVICE AND REPAIR OF VENTILLATION, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS
- PERFORM REPAIR AND TROUBLE ANALYSIS OF VAV AND WT CONTROL SYSTEMS AND ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC CONTROL SYSTEMS
- REPAIR AND SERVICE CHILLED WATER AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM. EXPERIENCE WITH TURBOCOR COMPRESSORS AND CONTROLS A PLUS
- SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE WITH MANITOWOC ICE MACHINES, TAYLOR ICE CREAM MACHINES, WALKIN REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS AND OTHER FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT A PLUS.
- EPA SECTION 608 AND R-410A CERTIFIED REQUIRED

ONE (2) SHEET METAL WORKER – Salary $5.05 - $7.00/Hour
- FABRICATE, ASSSEMBLE, INSTALL AND REPAIR SHEET METAL PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT SUCH AS DUCTS, CONTROL BOXES, DRAIN PIPES AND AHU CASINGS
- MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH METAL, FIBERGLASS AND KOOLDUCT DUCTING FABRICATION
- SET-UP AND OPERATE FABRICATING MACHINES, RELATED FABRICATION TOOLS AND WELDING EQUIPMENT
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN INTERPRETING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

ONE (1) ACCOUNTANT – Salary $1,200 – $2000.00 Monthly
- PREPARE TAX RETURNS, TAX PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS AND VERIFY ITS ACCURACY AND CONFORMANCE WITH STANDARD ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE
- MONITOR DAILY TRANSACTIONS, PREPARE JOURNAL ENTRIES AND RECORD TO WINTAC PRO HVAC ACCOUNTING PROGRAM
- HANDLE CUSTOMER BILLINGS, COLLECTIONS, AND CASH RECEIPTS, PAYMENT AND PAYROLL
- KKNOWLEDGEABLE IN WINTAC PRO HVAC ACCOUNTING PROGRAM AND MICROSOFT OFFICE

ALL OF THE ABOVE MUST POSSESS GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILL AND A MINIMUM OF 10-YR WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.

ONE (1) COMMERCIAL CLEANER – Salary $ 5.05/Hour
- PERFORM DUTIES TO MAINTAIN AND CLEAN OFFICE AND PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN AN ORDERLY MANNER
- PERFORM BASIC HOUSEHOLD CHORES
- MUST BE HONEST, RESPONSIBLE, RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT AT ALL TIMES AND POLICE CLEARANCE REQUIRED.

APPLICATION CAN BE OBTAINED AND SUBMITTED AT JWS AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION, INC's OFFICE AT UNIT 4, G/FLOOR, LIM'S BLDG., COR. BEACH AND MSGR. GUERRERO ROAD, SAN JOSE VILLAGE, SAIPAN OR EMAIL TO: **jwssaipan@pticom.com** or **tonys.jwssaipan@pticom.com**

Asia Pacific Hotels, Inc. dba Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan - Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER
Qualifications: Strong background and experience in Food & Beverage preferably in the hospitality industry. Possess the ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. 10 years work experience required preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early morning, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) EXECUTIVE CHEF
Qualifications: Ability to direct in the preparation and cooking of food and is familiar with the preparation of food costing reports and departmental budget. 10 years work experience is required preferably in the hotel industry. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion including early morning , evenings and/or weekends.

(2) SOUS CHEF
Qualifications: Ability to direct and participate in the preparation and cooking of food. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends. 5 years work experience as a Sous Chef is required and preferably in the hospitality industry.

(3) DEMI CHEF
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years work experience as a Demi-Chef, preferably in a hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Qualification in kitchen production is an advantage.

(27) COOKS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with 3 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(22) WAITER/WAITRESS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience preferably in hotel operations. Good customer service, communications and interpersonal skills are required. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) F&B ASSISTANT
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent with minimum 8 years work experience preferably in hotel operations. Strong organizational skills and able to complete assignments accurately, either independently or as part of a team. Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends. Good writing skills sufficient to compose and edit a variety of documents using correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.

(3) PASTRY CHEF
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum 5 years work experience in the production of high quality pastry and breads preferable in a hotel and knowledge of Japanese style breads preferred. Basic culinary skills/good hygiene knowledge is essential.

(3) BARTENDER
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

(1) RESTAURANT MANAGER
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years work experience as outlet manager preferably in a hotel. Strong interpersonal and customer-service skills are essential. Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(8) F&B SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum 6 years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skill a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) MECHANICAL SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Able to supervise and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills, and time management skills. Minimum 6 years work experience required preferably in a hotel or 8 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant.

(3) A/C REFRIGERATION MECHANIC
Qualifications: Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. 3 years previous work experience preferably in a hotel or 5 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) LANDSCAPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Able to directly supervise and coordinate activities and work schedule of employees engaged in landscaping and grounds keeping activities. Must have 5 years previous work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(2) LANDSCAPING WORKER
Qualifications: Basic knowledge of Horticulture. Must be able to work outdoors exposed to all weather conditions. 2 years previous work experience. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(2) CARPENTER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building complex with central plant. Performs physical activities such as lifting or moving materials weighing up to 50 pounds with or without accommodation. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) BRICKMASON
Qualifications: Performs brick laying, stone setting, tile setting and cement finishing work. Performs carpentry work incidental to masonry work. Must have 2 years previous work experience. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) PAINTER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building complex with central plant. Ability to move materials weighing up to 50 pounds with or without accommodation. High school graduate or equivalent.

(1) PAINTER SUPERVIOR
Qualification: Minimum 4 years work experience as painter supervisor preferably in a hotel or 6 years work experience in a similar large building complex with central plant. Able to work accurately, with interruptions, to meet deadlines.

(2) STOCK CLERK
Qualifications: Receives, store and issue goods. Takes monthly physical count of stock. Must be able to lift up to 30 pounds. Able to work independently, accurately and handle pressure in meeting strict dead-lines in a fast-paced environment. Requires frequent walking and standing on the job. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays. Minimum 2 years work experience as a stock clerk, preferably in a hotel or similar fast-paced environment. High school graduate or equivalent.

(1) BUS /TRUCK & DIESEL ENGINE MECHANIC
Qualifications: Able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, buses, and all types of diesel engines. Minimum 5 years work experience required. High school graduate or equivalent.

(3) ELECTRICIANS
Qualifications: Able to service, repair, calibrate, regulate, fine-tune or test machines, devices and equipment that operate primarily on electrical or electronic principles. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Minimum 5 years work experience required. High school graduate or equivalent.

(7) LAUNDRY ATTENDANT
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. High school graduate or equivalent.

(23) HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. High school graduate or equivalent.

(7) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must have good command of the English language both oral and written. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Ability to set priorities in a complex environment is essential. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(3) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential.

(2) PLUMBER
Qualifications: Minimum of 6 years of plumbing experience preferably in a hotel or similar large building or complex with central plant. Knowledge of the tools, equipment and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather.

(1) TAILOR
Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years work experience as a tailor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

(4) GUEST RELATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service. Minimum 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be able to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing to employees and guests. Requires frequent walking, and lifting. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(1) ROOMS RESERVATION SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service and 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be fluent in English. Strong oral and written communication skills are essential. Must have computer literacy. Ability to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(1) MANAGER, SALES & MARKETING
Qualification: Minimum 5 years work experience as Manager in sales preferably in a hotel. Responsible for developing, establishing and maintaining marketing strategies to meet organizational objectives. Able to work independently. Good organizational and planning skills are essential. Ability to work in remote field office for several months at a time as necessary. Accountable for customer satisfaction and providing high quality service in representing company.

(1) DIRECTOR OF SALES & MARKETING
Qualifications: 10 years work experience as director of sales preferably in the hotel industry. Will be responsible for increasing market share in existing markets and maximize new market development opportunities. Initiates market research studies and analyze their findings. Prepares sales forecasts and ensures the sale and profitability of products or services and monitors market trends. Duties involve a lot of out of hours activity required. Ability to work in the field on occasion and travel off-island to attend sales meetings as necessary. Ability to speak English and Japanese both oral and written is preferred.

(2) SALES ASSOCIATE
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in cashiering and previous retail experience preferred. Able to perform duties with minimal supervision. Must be able to work irregular hours, such as shifts, holidays and weekends. Requires standing and frequent walking while on duty. Basic foreign language speaking skill is preferred. Ability to speak two basic foreign language is an asset.

(1) MANAGER, ENGINEERING DEPT.
Qualifications: Minimum 6 years work experience as Manager of engineering department, preferably in a hotel. Responsible to assist the Chief Engineer in ensuring the efficient and economic operation of the engineering department in support of all other operating departments, supplying services as required to the entire operation, and maintaining equipment, building and grounds in optimum condition. Good problem solving, administrative and interpersonal skills are required. Must be able to work "on-call" seven (7) days a week, including holidays.

(1) IT MANAGER
Qualifications: College graduate with a bachelor's degree in computer course. Must have strong background on all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements. Strong communication and interpersonal skills necessary. Management skills and familiarity with hotel business solutions software are essential. Systems analysis and programming is a must. Prior work experience in the hotel industry is preferred. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early morning, evenings and/or weekends including holidays.

(2) ACCOUNTING CLERK
Qualifications: Performs a variety of general clerical/basic accounting duties. Also acts as cash custodian for all cash receipts and ensures immediate deposit of cash the following banking day. Minimum 2 years work experience in a hotel, preferred. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Is able to multi-task and work independently. Strong problem solving skills is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule on occasion, including weekends.

(1) GENERAL ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications Responsible for the preparation of monthly financial statements, related accounting reports and for the supervision of general accounting section. Supervises closing of books at month end. Assists the accounting manager in the preparation of financial reports and forecasts and all other related areas. Minimum of 3 years progressive experience in general ledger operations. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work a flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(1) ACCOUNTING ANALYST - Accounts Payable/Disbursements
Qualifications: Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts payable from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Must be a college graduate with bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred or 3 years work experience within the field. Previous work experience in a hotel preferred. Must have progressive experience in accounts payable operations. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(2) ACCOUNTING ANALYST - Accounts Receivable
Qualifications: Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts receivable from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Ensures that accounts are kept on current status. Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting, preferably or 3 years work experience within the field. Progressive experience in accounts receivable operations, preferably in a hotel. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(1) INCOME AUDITOR
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring the prompt and accurate posting of daily revenue operation results. Minimum of 5 years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Must be able work evenings including weekends and holidays. Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Must be able to work under pressure.

(1) ROOMS DIVISION MANAGER
Qualifications: 10 years work experience preferably in the hotel industry. Able to plan, direct, and/or coordinate activities for the facility ensuring enjoyable experience for vacationing families and business travelers. Responsible for ensuring the facility is operating efficiently and profitably. Must be able to solve problems quickly. Initiative, self-discipline and effective communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications. Must be able to work "on-call" seven days a week including holidays.

(1) ASST. ROOMS DIVISION MANAGER
Qualifications: 10 years work experience preferably in the hotel industry. Assists the Rooms Division Manager in carrying out the company's objectives. Good customer service, organizational and planning skills are essential. Foreign language speaking skill is highly preferred. Must be able to work "on-call" seven days a week including weekends and holidays.

(1) ACCOUNTING MANAGER
Qualifications: Supervises the following sections in Finance: General Accounting, Purchasing, Cost Accounting and Income Audit. Primarily responsible for maintaining an efficient and effective accounting system that would respond readily to the needs of internal and external users of financial information. Minimum of 5 years progressive management experience in accounting operations preferably in a hotel. Strong analytical skills and problem solving. Proficient in Accounting Software, SAP R3 FICO system. Expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point is required. Must be able to work under pressure of completing deadlines and willing to work flexible hours.

(1) COST ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring that food and beverage costs are within hotel standards. Renders regular reporting of food and beverage costs to management. Calculates food cost of regular menu items and assists banquet department in costing special banquet menus. Witness/participates in the periodic physical inventory counts and reports to immediate supervisor for any major discrepancies. Minimum of 3 years work experience as cost accountant preferably in a hotel. Proficient in Microsoft Office application and other software. Must be willing to work on flexible schedule on occasion on weekends.

(1) PURCHASING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years work experience as a purchasing supervisor preferably in a hotel or a face-paced environment. Ability to make judgments regarding alternative means of procuring materials/goods or services based on cost and serviceability. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy. Ability to adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments, and/or changes in priorities. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Experienced with inventories to include, but not limited to, Food and Beverage, Dry goods, and Housekeeping Cleaning & Guest Supplies is a requirement. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(1) MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT - APHI
Qualifications: BS in accounting and minimum 5 years progressive experience in finance and accounting management, preferably in the hotel/hospitality industry. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO software and other hotel's front office and POS systems. Is responsible for planning, reviewing and administering accounting systems and procedures. Analyzes the financial information needs of APHI (Asia Pacific Hotels, Inc. dba: Fiesta Saipan, Saipan Grand and Century Hotel), provides advice on financial planning and risk management, and provides management with reports to assist in decision-making. Must have in-depth understanding In-depth understanding of the hotel industry and clear understanding of the integration of various hotel's bookkeeping, accounting and reporting function is highly preferred. Must have clear understanding of internal audits and annual audits. Strong written and verbal communication, interpersonal and customer service skills.

(2) GUEST SERVICES AGENT
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in providing quality customer service, preferably in hotel operations. Guest Services Agent is responsible for providing guests fast, friendly and efficient service. Must have knowledge in Microsoft Office applications. Must have outstanding ability to perform several tasks at once. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays. Foreign language speaking skill is highly preferred.

(8) GUEST RELATIONS AGENT
Qualification: Minimum 2 years work experience as guest relations agent preferably in the hotel industry or a fast-paced environment. Strong customer service and interpersonal skills are essential. Must be able to multi-task. Frequent standing and walking on the job is required. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications software. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, nights, weekends and holidays. Foreign language speaking skill is a plus.

(1) HOTEL CONCIERGE
Qualifications: Minimum of 4 years working experience as a hotel concierge. Job requires being reliable, responsible and dependable and fulfilling obligations. Must be able to work under pressure. Ability to speak a foreign language is preferred. Ability to work a variable schedule including weekends and holidays. High school graduate or equivalent. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(1) SUPERVISOR, SALES & MARKETING
Qualification: Assists the Regional Director of Sales & Marketing in coordinating all local Korean and Japanese sales efforts. Develop and maintain relationships with local Korean tour companies. Ability to effectively communicate and interface with peers as well as executive level management. Requires strong communications skill both oral and written in Korean, Japanese and English. Ability to work well under pressure and is willing to work a variable work schedule on occasion including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: Minimum 8 years work experience in housekeeping is required, preferably in a hotel. Knowledge in the use of carpet cleaning equipment, floor polishing machines, and light commercial washers. Ability to lift or move equipment/materials weighing up to 30 pounds. Must be able to work a variable schedule including weekends, and holidays. Strong customer service and communication skills.

(4) SPA MASSAGE THERAPIST
Qualifications: Performs professional massage therapy, body treatments and facials and remain current with the industry. Flexibility to work effectively in a changing environment. Ability to adapt to changes in work assignments. Must have the willingness to work evenings, weekends, including holidays. Minimum of 2 years work experience as a masseuse.

(1) SPA SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years work experience in a spa environment. Will be responsible to assist with the efficient running of The Spa outlet in line with the company's goals and objectives in meeting above standard performance. Prior retail experience is an asset. Must have the ability to lift and move up to 25 pounds. Basic foreign language speaking skill is preferred.

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1 - Maintenance
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Vacancy Announcement for US workers'

1-Teacher and 1- Teacher (Assiant)
Minimum of 5 yrs experience.
Salary $5.05 per hour.
Email tomastchong@gmail.com
or call 888-5748

LDK, LLC.
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(3) Carpenters. Salary $5.05 p/h
(1) Electrician. Salary $5.05 p/h
(1) Commercial Cleaner. Salary $5.05 p/h
2 – 5 years working experience required.
Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

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1 - Office Manager. Min. of 5 years experience & knowledge in Internet, MS Words/Excel. Needs to speak & write in English, Korean & Chinese. Must provide own car. 4 yrs. College Degree. Must be able to work even on weekends. Green card or US. Citizen preferred. $ 5.05/hr.

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Sams' Sons, Inc.
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Operation Manager
4-5yrs experience. Salary: $5.05-$6.00/hr

All interested applicants may send resume to ming@pacifictacticalsupply.com

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CHEN YUE AYUYU dba CYA Koblerville Market
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: October 19, 2011 Closing Date: October 25, 2011

Position:	(1) Sales Person
Salary:	$5.05 per hour
Job Qualification:	Minimum of 5 yrs work-related experience. Must know how to operate cash register. Chinese language highly preferred. A valid driver's license required. Flexible time is also required. Honest and trustworthy.
Position:	(1) Accountant
Salary:	$5.05-$6.05 per hour
Job Qualification:	Bachelor in Accountancy. Minimum of 5 yrs experience. A clear understanding of Federal and CNMI tax laws (can compute and file taxes). Must have knowledge & experience in purchasing, inventory, payroll and bank reconciliation. Ability to prepare financial reports. Proficient in various computer software: MS Excel, Word and accounting software.

Interested applicants must have their own reliable transportation. Applicants must submit their resume at CYA Koblerville Market, located near St. Jude Church in Koblerville. NO PHONE CALLS.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1- ADMIN ASSISTANT - 2 or more yrs experienced, making delivery invoice, input barcode in the computer knowledge in korean program, do invoices, delivery, retail. Checking all item in warehouse and at the retail store.

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1- DELIVERY MAN - 2 or more yrs experienced, do delivery, know all store location here in Saipan, do preparation for upcoming delivery(next day). Knowledge in various item for sale. Do other job such as collection, going to custom office.

SOO POONG SAIPAN CORPORATION
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Tel# 235-9600

Job Vacancy Announcement

Speedy Turtle Dive Shop is announcing vacancy of 2 Teacher-Instructor positions.

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- knowledge of scuba diving gear, its maintenance and repair;
- knowledge with air compressor machinery and experience in running such machinery;
- knowledge and experience in underwater video and photo filming;
- knowledge of scuba diving, free diving and snorkeling gear in order to run diving gear shop;
- Knowledge of Russian language (speaking, writing and reading) and familiarity with Technical (diving) Russian terminology is a plus;

Submit resume via fax 234 6286. For inquiries, please call: 493 9616; contact person Oleg Tchernychenko.

Job Vacancy Announcement
Island Essence Inc. is in need of

1 Operations Manager - at least 5 years experience in bridal design, event planning and floral arrangement.
2 Florist - at least 3 years work experience.
1 Dressmaker - at least 3 years work experience.

Interested Qualified US Workers can fax resume to Island Essence Inc. at 235-2231

YUTA CORPORATON
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(1) Office Manager. Salary $1,800.00 p/m
(1) Office Supervisor. Salary $900.00 p/m
(1) Accountant. Salary $5.05 p/h
4 – 5 years working experience required.
Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Caregiver (2) - Required minimum 5 years experience for attending to the specific needs of an elderly person, infant and child with special needs. Send resumes to JPT Consulting at jessteno1@yahoo.com.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
1-CAREGIVER
1-MAINTENANCE REPAIRER
DIONICIO M. LIZAMA
P.O. Box 500641, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel#. 234-2993

Vacancy Announcement - US Workers
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Minimum of 2 years experience.
$5.05/hour

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PMB 264A, P.O. Box 10002, Saipan, MP 96950
Email: tomastchong@gmail.com or call 888-5748

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1 - Cook. Min. of 5 years experience. Must be able to cook Chinese & Korean food. Must speak English, Korean and some Chinese preferred. Needs own car and housing. Must be able to work even on weekends. Experience in buying food and supplies. $5.05/hr.

Send resume to sylviacnmi@gmail.com

CMLC ARTHA CO., LTD.
Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager. Salary $1800 - $2500 p/m. 2 years management experience. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License preferred. Proficient in English & Japangese (reading, writing, speaking)

1-Scuba Diving Instructor. Salary $1200 - $1800 p/m. 2 years experience as a professional scuba diving. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License required. Reading and writing foreign language preferred.

1-Dive Master/Helper. Salary $1000 - $1400 p/m. 2 years experience in scuba diving. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License required. Reading and writing foreign language preferred.

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com

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Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Diesel Mechanic – Technical School graduate w/ 5 yrs. experience as diesel mechanic & millwright in power plant

(2) Automotive/Diesel Mechanic – with minimum of 5 yrs. experience

(1) Accountant – Minimum of 5 yrs. experience in general accounting, proficient in various computer softwares: Peachtree Accounting, Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Outlook. Must be able to work independently with minimum supervision and has excellent Organizational skills in dealing with financial & numeric data. Must have excellent communication skills.

Contact: PMIC at Tel# 322-6181,
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- College Graduate w/ 5 years experience. Computer literate and have a valid drivers license.
- Must be able to works for the customer satisfaction, revenue generation, and long-term account goals in line with the company vision and values. Must be able to assist in the implementation of marketing plans as needed and maintain accurate records of all sales.

Interested applicants must send resume to Fax# 235-0697

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1 - Electrician. Minimum of 5 years experience. Must speak English and Korean. Have certificate of training as Electrician, must provide own car, flexible hrs incl. evenings, weekend & holidays. $5.05/hr. Send resume to cnmiapt@gmail.com

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MARIANAS EXCHANGE, INC.
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1 PARTS SPECIALIST- Minimum of 5 years experience, with expertise in all Heavy Equipment parts.

1 PARTS SALES PERSON- Minimum of 5 years experienced, ability to read catalog, microfiche viewers, or computer display in order to determine replacement part stock numbers and prices.

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LC CORPORATION, INC.
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(1) Manager – Tour Operation.
Salary $1,800.00 p/m.
Minimum 5 years work related experience.
Korean language speaking preferred.
Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
1-Commercial Cleaner
If interested send resume and copy of police clearance to
LP CORPORATION
P.O. Box 7763 SVRB, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel#. 256-1254

Job Vacancy Announcement
JMC Iron Works is looking for

1 - Welder
1 - Office Assistant

Must have at least 2 years work experience in Iron Works business.

Interested Qualified US Workers can drop resume to JMC Iron Works, Chalan Piao

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SUNNY PLACE, LLC
Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager. Salary $1800 - $2500 p/m. 2 years management experience. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License preferred. Proficient in English & Japangese (reading, writing, speaking)

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com

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Grace Christian Academy
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Kinder Teacher &
(1) Elementary Teacher

Qualifications: Holder of Bachelor's degree in education; At least 5 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian school; Must be ACSI certified; Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school Must adhere to all school policies and procedure Preferably ACSI certified

Download application form at www.gca-nmi.com Submit completed application to Grace Christian Academy, Navy Hill, Saipan, Mp 96950 GCA is accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International.

Job Vacancy Announcement

(5) **Mason** – 5 years experience - $ 5.05/hr
(2) **Carpenters** – 5 years experience - $ 5.05/hr
(1) **Accountant** – 5 years experience/Degree in Accounting & Bookkeeping/Must be computer literate - $ 5.05/hr
(5) **Waitress** – 3 years experience - $ 5.05/hr
(1) **House worker** – 3 years experience

Interested applicant must contact and submit resume to
RPCF, INC
P.O. Box 504549 Saipan, MP 96950
Tel #: 234-9127
email-brian@pticom.com

SVC INVESTMENT CORPORATION
Pawnshop / Apartment
Job Vacancy Announcement

Manager - $ 5.50/hour
Provide daily and monthly reports. Knowledge to value items based on market price. Appraise and estimate items being pawned. Knowledge to distinguish different kinds of gold and diamonds. Perform other related duties. Flexible time. Graduate of a 4 yr. degree course. 2 years minimum experience.

Asst. Manager - $ 5.25/hr
Provide sales report. Knowledge to value items based on market price. Appraise and estimate items being pawned. Knowledge to distinguish different kinds of gold and diamonds. Perform other related duties. Flexible time. 2 years minimum experience.

General Maintenance & repair - $ 5.05/hr
Ability to perform carpentry, plumbing, glass replacement, painting, masonry, grounds keeping and electrical wiring.

Email resume to nbudano@yahoo.com

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1 - Property Manager. Minimum of 5 years experience. Must speak English and Korean. Have knowledge of Gen. Construction and small appliances, must have own transportation, flexible hrs for night, weekend & holidays. $1,200.00 per month. Send resume to cnmiapt@gmail.com

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LDK, INC.
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(3) Arcade Attendant
Salary $5.05 p/h.
Minimum 2 years work related experience.
Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

Job Vacancy Announcement
Mu Sung Corporation is looking for:

3 - Carpenters	2 - Steelman
3 - Mason1	1 - Electrician
1 - Plumber	1 - Draftsman

Must have at least 2 years work experience
Interested US Workers must fax resume to 235-7742

Saipan City Taxi Association, Inc.
Job Vacancy Annoucement
20 – Taxi Drivers. Salary Rate: $5.05/hr and $1.50 per trip. Must have at least 6 months of taxi driving experience in the CNMI. Must be a holder of a valid CNMI Driver's License, CNMI Taxi Driver's License, and a CNMI Taxi Bureau Identification Card. Current Police Clearance, Traffic Clearance and Traffic History. Willing to work flexible hours.

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Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - General Accountant. Salary: $5.25/hr. 5 years experience. Prepares, examine or analyze acctg. Records, financial statements, or other financial reports to assess the accuracy, completeness and conformance to reporting and procedural standards. Responsible for the proper maintenance and accuracy of the company's accounting system and files. Compute taxes owed, and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with payments, reporting or other tax requirements. Report to management regarding the finances of management. Cashiering & other related duties.

Interested applicants may pick up an application at All Parts, Inc. dba Car Quest. No phone calls please.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position : Accountant
Salary : $6.00 - $11.00 (DOB)
Job Description : Monitor financial ledgers and books of account;
Make and prepare bank deposits;
Prepare financial statements, track daily cash receipts;
Use computer to track accounts and compose correspondence;
Prepare payroll; Other related duties as assigned.
Qualifications : At least 10 years of experience; Must be a graduate of BS Accountancy; Must have basic knowledge in Microsoft Office, QuatroPro, , and be proficient with Abacus Totality Software to prepare collection reports.

E-mail resume to
joshuaberger711@hotmail.com

UNDERWATER ADVENTURES, LLC.
Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager.
Salary $1800 - $2500 p/m. 2 years management experience. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License preferred. Proficient in English & Japangese (reading, writing, speaking)

1-Scuba Diving Instructor.
Salary $1200 - $1800 p/m. 2 years experience as a professional scuba diving. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License required. Reading and writing foreign language preferred.

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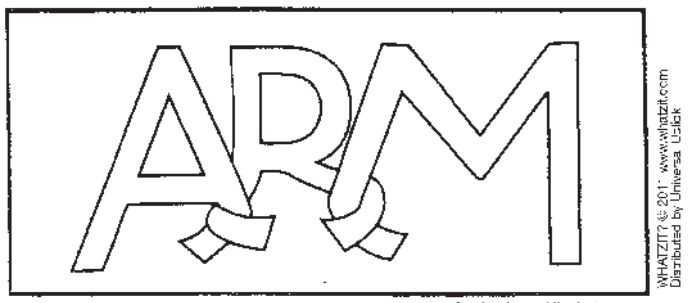

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Pujols hits 3 HRs, Cards romp to 2-1 Series edge

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Albert Pujols began the game hoping to shake his slump and maybe get a hit.

He did that, and a whole lot more: He produced the defining game of his monster career, and perhaps the greatest hitting performance in World Series history.

Pujols launched three long homers, drove in six runs and finished with five hits—tying Series records with each accomplishment - as the St. Louis Cardinals romped past the Texas Rangers 16-7 on Saturday night for a 2-1 edge.

"Just pretty special," he said.

The three-time NL MVP matched Babe Ruth and Reggie Jackson for the most home runs in a game, connecting on fastballs from three different pitchers. Pujols added two singles and set a Series mark with 14 total bases.

"Hopefully, at the end of my career, I can look back and say, 'Wow, what a game it was in Game 3 in 2011," Pujols said.

And to think, his night began with a groundout that left him 0 for 7 against Texas

"I mean, with Babe and Reggie, that's pretty good company right there," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said.

The outburst by Pujols came a day after he was barbed by the media for not sticking around to talk about a Game 2 error and loss. This time, everyone was talking about him.

"When the opportunity presents itself to put him on the bag, I'm not going to let him swing the bat," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "But tonight, we just couldn't get the ball out of the middle of the plate and up, and he just didn't miss.

"I saw him on TV but I'll tell you, tonight was something special."

The Cardinals mashed their way to the highest-scoring game in their storied postseason history, breaking away after first base umpire Ron Kulpa's admitted blown call.

After two taut games in St. Louis, this suddenly turned into a messy slugfest. Pujols, the most feared slugger in the majors, was right in the middle—he became the first player in Series history to get hits in four straight innings.

So much for any worries about Pujols making a dent.

"I was hitting the ball hard, but I wasn't getting any hits," he said. "But all it takes is one good game. I got five hits, what are they going to say about it?"

Texas fans booed after Kulpa's miss helped the Cardinals score four times in the fourth for a 5-0 lead. The crowd at Rangers Ballpark went silent when Pujols started swinging for the fences, and beyond. His three-run shot in the sixth rattled the windows of the club level high above left field.

AP

St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols hits a three-run home run during the sixth inning of Game 3 of baseball's World Series against the Texas Rangers Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, in Arlington, Texas.

Game 4 is Sunday night, with Derek Holland starting for the Rangers against Edwin Jackson. It will be the back half of a St. Louis-Texas style doubleheader—earlier in the day, the Rams play the Dallas Cowboys right across the parking lot.

This game had an NFL score, too. The teams combined for 23 runs and 28 hits—at Busch Stadium, they teamed for eight runs and 23 hits in two games.

"You leave a ball up in this park it's going to carry a little more than it does in St. Louis," Pujols said.

Pujols joined Ruth, who hit three homers in games against the Cardinals in 1926 and 1928, and Jackson's three-homer show against the Dodgers in 1977.

"It's an honor to be named in the same category as those guys," Pujols said.

Pujols' six RBIs matched Bobby Richardson in 1960 and Hideki Matsui in 2009. He tied the Series mark for hits in a game set by Paul Molitor in 1982.

Good-luck charm Allen Craig homered for St. Louis and Yadier Molina drove in four runs. The Cardinals broke it open by scoring four times in the fourth, three more in the fifth and four in the sixth.

Adrian Beltre kept delivering for Texas, getting four hits.

Pujols, however, showed exactly why he is the most prized free agent of all going into this winter.

The big slugger connected off Alexi Ogando in the sixth, hit a two-run drive to left-center off Michael Gonzalez in the seventh and tagged Darren Oliver for a solo shot to left-center with two outs in the ninth.

"When Pujols is at the plate, that's the first time he did damage. We fought back pretty good, the next thing you know he's up there batting with guys on base and brings them in," Oliver said. "That's what he does. That's why he's the hitter he is."

By the end, Rangers president Nolan Ryan was rubbing his forehead and it was hard to keep track of all the hits. Balls were rolling into the corners, sailing over the fence and going most everywhere.

In the seventh, a fan wearing a Rangers shirt threw a Wiffle ball toward St. Louis left fielder Matt Holliday as he was preparing to catch a routine fly. The Rangers said the young man and his friend were ejected.

Early in the game, it appeared Kulpa's call would be the focal point.

The Cardinals led 1-0 when Pujols led off the fourth with a single. Holliday followed with a perfect double-play ball, but was ruled safe by Kulpa at first. Replays clearly show part-time first baseman Mike Napoli caught second baseman Ian Kinsler's high toss and slapped a tag on Holliday before he reached the bag.

Kulpa said he thought Holliday beat the tag. The Rangers argued, to no avail.

"Well, he missed the play and I knew he missed the play when I went out there," Washington said.

After the game, the umpire issued a Mea Kulpa.

"I saw a replay when I walked off the field, and the tag was applied before his foot hit the bag," he said.

The Cardinals quickly scored four times, helped when Napoli threw wide to the plate for an error that let two runs cross. Texas fans booed as replays of the bad call circulated—they won't be happy to learn, either, that Kulpa was born, raised and lives in the St. Louis area.

"Has nothing to do with it," Kulpa said.

For the Cardinals, perhaps it was a little evening up, albeit many years later. The call came four days before the anniversary of umpire Don Denkinger's missed call at first base in the 1985 World Series that severely cost St. Louis.

Starters Kyle Lohse of St. Louis and Matt Harrison were both pulled in the fourth inning. Soon after, it was clear that no pitchers were going to be too effective.

Lance Lynn earned the win with 2 1-3 innings of relief and Harrison took the loss.

Napoli in middle of Rangers' fourth in WS loss

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—A wild throw home. A close play at the plate. The missed call at first base.

Mike Napoli was in the middle of almost everything that went wrong in the fourth inning for the Texas Rangers in a 16-7 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday night.

Playing first base for the first time in this World Series, Napoli made a rushed throw home in the fourth that sailed past catcher Yorvit Torrealba for an error that allowed two runs to score by the Cardinals in Game 3.

"I just yanked it," Napoli said. "Got a groundball we needed and didn't make the play."

The Cardinals' four-run outburst in the fourth began when second baseman Ian Kinsler made a wide throw to first to finish what should've been a double play. Napoli reached wide to his left to snag the ball, then with a sweeping motion tagged the approaching runner squarely on the shoulder.

Almost as quickly, Napoli was holding his glove up in front of first base umpire Ron Kulpa in utter disbelief after Matt Holliday was ruled safe to take away what would have been a double play.

"Call him safe, there's nothing you can do about it," Napoli said. "We had a chance to minimize the inning and we let it snowball a little bit."

After the game, Kulpa acknowledged he missed the call.

"At the time of the play, I had him on the base at the time of his tag," Kulpa said. "I saw a replay when I walked off the field, and the tag was applied before his foot hit the bag."

The Rangers lost because of more than the blown call and Napoli's error. There were other fielding blunders, and all six Texas pitchers allowed runs.

Shortstop Elvis Andrus had a fielding error that led to an unearned run in the sixth when the Cards scored four more runs—the third of four innings in a row they scored multiple runs.

And while Kinsler's throw to Napoli wasn't officially an error, there would have been no need for a swiping tag if the throw had been on target. Kinsler had an earlier fielding error that didn't cost the Rangers.

Among the pitchers allowing runs were the former starters who have been so reliable out of the bullpen this postseason. Scott Feldman had pitched 10 1-3 scoreless innings in the playoffs before allowing three runs in 1 1-3 inning while Alexi Ogando gave up four runs while getting only one out. Ogando had allowed only one run in 11 innings over nine playoff appearances.

Still, a lot happened in that fourth inning.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Rangers got three runs in a span of five pitches when Michael Young homered, Adrian Beltre singled and Nelson Cruz hit his seventh homer of the postseason. Napoli followed with a single, but the inning ended when he was thrown out at home trying to score on Kinsler's flyball to left.

Napoli was thrown out by Holliday.

"He made a perfect throw," Napoli said. "You try to put pressure on the defense and make bad throws, and he made a perfect throw."

Albert Pujols, who later hit three home runs, had a leadoff single in the fourth before Holliday hit a perfect double-play ball toward shortstop Elvis Andrus. Second baseman Kinsler took the throw to force Pujols, but his throw toward first was high and a bit up the line. Napoli, who has been primarily the Rangers catcher, made a nice stretch to grab the ball and make a tag in one quick swoop.

Napoli and manager Ron Washington argued to no avail.

"Well, he missed the play, and I knew he missed the play when I went out there," Washington said. "We still had an opportunity to get off that field with maybe them just pushing one run across the plate. We just didn't make the plays."

After David Frese's double that scored Holliday, the Rangers intentionally walked Yadier Molina to load the bases with one out. Jon Jay hit a grounder toward Napoli, who snagged the ball and then threw on the run toward home.

Two runs scored on the play, giving St. Louis a 4-0 lead.

Team president Nolan Ryan held his hands to his temple while watching from his first-row seat near the Rangers dugout.

"I don't think you can just start all of a sudden making excuses about things," Washington said. "We had a chance to get off the field with them scoring one run in that inning right there, and we just threw the ball around in that inning, and it really messed up (Matt) Harrison's outing because he was throwing the ball well."

NBA owners' priorities put more games in jeopardy

NEW YORK (AP)—NBA owners have their priorities, and playing games isn't first on that list.

Instead, the league is looking beyond this month—and maybe beyond this season, if that's what it takes—to implement an extreme financial makeover after years of sizeable losses. The goal, in the words of Spurs owner Peter Holt, "an opportunity to make a few bucks."

Owners are determined to reshape the league by creating a system like the NFL or NHL, where spending is capped and small-market teams truly can compete with the big boys. But reforming the NHL's financial structure required a lengthy lockout, wiping out the entire 2004-05 season. And the NFL is making money, not losing it.

After NBA labor talks broke down Thursday night, Holt was asked if owners might be willing to sit out a year to get the changes they crave.

"The competitive issues and the economic issues, certainly we don't want to lose the season, I don't think the NHL did either. It ended up happening," said Holt, chairman of the owners' labor relations committee. "There are certain things that we feel we must have."

And that makes a lost NBA season a possibility.

That comes as no surprise to players' association executive director Billy Hunter. He started to believe two or three years ago that owners intended to lock out the players so they could force through the changes they wanted. Now he doesn't see enough owners who can stop it from happening.

He identified big-market owners Jerry Buss of the Lakers, the Knicks' Jim Dolan, Miami's Micky Arison and Dallas' Mark Cuban as owners he believed were open to anything that could lead to games, but there were many more from the small markets "that were dug in, and I think they're carrying the day."

"And unfortunately. I think what we have to do is we have to miss more games for it to really set in," Hunter said. "And that's what I kept trying to tell them is that this thing is on a slippery slope and we're already losing games, the first two weeks, and if we continue to go in that decline, it may become intractable to get people to move from their respective positions."

The first two weeks of the season—100 games in all—already have been canceled. And it won't be long before more games are scrapped.

That's in stark contrast to the NFL lockout, in which only the preseason Hall of Fame game was canceled. The NFL always insisted that it would play, a rallying cry that is absent from the NBA negotiations. Of course, the NFL players and owners were fighting over how to split billions of dollars of revenue whereas the NBA says it lost $300 million last season and that only eight of its 30 clubs made money.

AP

NBA Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver speaks to reporters after a meeting with the NBA Board of Governors, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011 in New York.

"Different dynamic, I mean no doubt about it," said Holt, who added his small-market Spurs lost money the last two years, which hadn't happened before.

"We're losing games, so there's a cost to that. And we also were in a very different position. NFL essentially was fighting over how to divide more riches. We're trying to figure out how to get our expenses down so we've got 30 teams that have an opportunity to make a little money, and so it's a very different situation."

One that could be crippling in many NBA cities, particularly a small-market one such as Memphis.

Ty Agee, president of the Beale Street Merchants Association, said the timing couldn't have been worse for the city, Beale Street and the Grizzlies. After years of anemic play and small crowds, the team's 2011 playoff run brought people downtown not only toward the end of the regular season, but into two rounds of the playoffs—an unexpected boost for a club that had never won a playoff game.

Now, instead of riding momentum and benefiting from more customers, businesses in the entertainment district are watching labor negotiations.

"I get nervous, and I get more and more frustrated," said Agee, who owns Miss Polly's Cafe. "All we want is for them to get their stuff together.

"It's a double-edge sword for me because I'm a fan and a business owner."

Commissioner David Stern has long warned that once games are missed, both sides might stiffen their proposals in hopes of recovering what's been lost, which is why he said last week he feared games could be lost through Christmas without a deal this week.

After three days and 30 hours of meetings with a federal mediator, negotiations fell apart when union officials said they were told they must commit to a 50-50 split of revenues before owners would agree to discuss the salary cap system.

"Right now, they're saying it's got to be a precondition. If we're going to meet, you've got to agree to accept 50-50. So as long as that edict is out there, then when are we going to meet?" Hunter said. "We're saying we're unwilling to meet unless we can talk about the system independent of the number."

There is no indication owners will be prepared to go beyond a 50-50 split, and with players currently at 52.5 or 53, the sides are about $100 million apart on an annual basis.

Players seem willing to give on one of the issues if they scored concessions on the other—they've already offered to reduce their guarantee of revenues from 57 percent—but management has made it clear it must have both. That doesn't leave much room for compromise.

Or a season.

Nowitzki to work out in Germany if lockout drags

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Once the World Series is over, Dirk Nowitzki will start planning a trip back to Germany unless there's progress toward starting the NBA season.

The NBA finals MVP said Saturday that he wants to resume training with his personal coach if it seems unlikely he will be playing for the Dallas Mavericks any time soon.

"It's time to really get back in the routine," Nowitzki said after throwing out the first pitch for Game 3 of the World Series. "Got to keep the options open, maybe see what's going on overseas."

Nowitzki has become a baseball fan over his 13 years in the United States. Because the Texas Rangers are his local team, he roots for them, and even has a blue jersey customized with his name and number. He threw out the first pitch at a game this summer after leading the Mavs to their first title and attended Game 6 of the AL championship series. He wasn't able to make it to a World Series game when the Rangers made it last year, so he was eager to attend —and take part—on Saturday night.

"I'm really proud of obviously representing the (Dallas-Fort Worth) Metroplex," he said.

Nowitzki has said he would wait until early 2012 before considering playing for a European team. With only training camp and the first two weeks of the season scrubbed so far, he is keeping that timetable.

"If the lockout still stays strong, I've definitely got to look into something there January and February," he said.

Nowitzki is still wearing a splint on the middle finger of his left hand, a remnant of the torn tendon sustained during Game 2 of the finals against the Miami Heat. The injury was supposed to have healed by now, but it turns out that he aggravated it while playing for Germany in the European championships.

"I took a ball on it in the Euros this summer, so it was kind of like sagging again," Nowitzki said. "I've got to keep it straight for, whatever, four, six weeks. But it doesn't bother me at all. It doesn't hurt or anything."

He said surgery won't be necessary.

Germany was knocked out of the Euros before the quarterfinals, eliminating its chances of making the 2012 Olympics. Nowitzki said he hasn't even touched a basketball since then.

"I've just been keeping in shape, you know, working out, doing lots of cardio and lifting a little bit and running," he said. "If the season will start any time soon, I think I'll be ready."

Nowitzki hasn't attended any of the labor meetings, but he said he would consider it. He said it was very disappointing that the latest round of negotiations didn't produce a settlement.

"We're all hoping, I guess, with the mediator, that something was going to happen, and just talks broke off, so it's very unfortunate," he said. "Hopefully we can get something going here any time soon. But it doesn't look good. "

Leonard, Chappell tied for Disney lead

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP)—Justin Leonard chipped in three times in a span of five holes Saturday to salvage a scrappy day at Disney with a 2-under 70 that gave him a share of the lead with PGA Tour rookie Kevin Chappell at the Children's Miracle Network Classic.

Chappell was much more consistent in a round of 66, overcoming a bogey on the opening hole and giving himself a steady diet of 10- to 15-foot birdie putts throughout the day on the Magnolia Course.

They were at 14-under 202, one shot ahead of 21-year-old Bio Kim, who needs at least a two-way tie for second to secure his tour card for next year.

The race for the PGA Tour money title had some possibilities, but only briefly.

Luke Donald, who trails Webb Simpson by $363,029, was tied for fourth when he reached the par-5 14th hole. Donald was only three shots out of the lead and three shots ahead of Simpson. When he walked off the green, Donald was in a tie for 14th, tied with Simpson and six shots behind.

Donald hit another shot into the hazard, and three-putted for double bogey, ending his PGA Tour streak of 483 holes without a three-putt. Donald wound up with a 70, while Simpson shot 69 to move one shot ahead.

Simpson is likely to win the money title at this stage, as Donald would need no worse than a two-way tie for second. He was tied for 14th, five shots behind.

"I'm a little more confident than I was two hours ago," Simpson said, not making it clear if he was talking about his 32 on the back nine or his chances of capturing the money list.

Leonard, who is No. 144 on the money list, is moderately surprised to be atop the leaderboard in the final tournament of his worst season on tour. Even though he already is exempt for next season, he has never finished out of the top 125 on the money list. And he hasn't been playing much golf late in the afternoon on the weekend.

This was the kind of round that could have easily gotten away from him. He opened with a sloppy bogey on the opening hole, and then some exquisite play with his short game.

The par-5 fourth hole won't get as much attention, but it might have been his best shot. From the back of a bunker, facing a shot in which the green ran away from him, it came out clean and stopped 2 feet away for birdie. On the fifth, he chipped in from 70 feet when he was hopeful of getting par.

He used the belly of his wedge to roll in a shot from just off the eighth green, and he hit a flop shot from 35 yards that dropped in for the most unlikely birdie on the ninth.

At the time, Leonard was swapping spots atop the leaderboard with Henrik Stenson, who even traded some short-game magic by holing out from a bunker on No. 6, right after Leonard's long chip-in for birdie. When Leonard rolled in the shot from off the eighth green, Stenson poked him in the behind with his putter and said, "That's two, now."

Lady Dolphins overwhelm Ayuyus

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The Lady Dolphins of Marianas High School swept Kagman High School's Lady Ayuyus in last Thursday's games in the 2011-2012 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League at the MHS Gymnasium.

The Lady Dolphins' JV squad set the stage for its counterpart with a sound 38-16 victory and then the MHS varsity team showcased a dominating 46-31 win in the second pairing.

The varsity Dolphins stretched their unbeaten streak to three, while the MHS JV squad evened its card to 1-1. Kagman is still searching for its first win in both the JV and varsity divisions. The Lady Ayuyus (0-3) will go win No. 1 in the varsity division tomorrow when they face Saipan International School at 4:30pm.

The varsity Lady Dolphins sprung out to an early 16-4 lead in the opening 10 minutes behind the eight points of Rachel Abrams.

Then in the second quarter, five MHS players chipped in to pad the lead at halftime, 30-11. Abrams led MHS with 11 points in the first half, while KHS struggled to get the ball to their mainstay, forward Elilai Pialug.

MHS continued to dominate KHS defensively, holding it opponents to just seven markers in the third quarter to shot ahead, 42-18. MHS called off the dogs in the final period, as the win was already in the bag.

Abrams led all scorers with 13 points, while Pialug managed 10 on the short end.

In the junior varsity pairing, MHS built an early 11-4 lead in the opening period, thanks largely to Krizandra Gozon's five points.

The Lady Dolphins' defense then stuffed KHS to one basket in the second quarter for an 18-6 halftime advantage. Gozon added three more markers in the period.

After the pause, Gozon kept it rolling with eight more points in the third quarter, as MHS still led by double digits, 28-12, heading into the final period.

Mariane Lumabi took over for MHS in the fourth quarter with six points to secure the win. Gozon finished with a game-high 16 points.

First Game

MHS 30 – Gozon 16, Lumabi 8, Ocampo 6, Santiago 4, Echavez 2, Morales 2.

KHS 16 – Jowanda 6, Palacios 4, Castro 2, Natasha 2, Vayda 2.

Scoring by quarters:11-4, 18-6, 28-12, 38-16.

Second Game

MHS 46 – Abrams 13, Castillo 7, Wiliams 6, Johnson 4, Lumasag 4, Rangamar 4, Mendoza 4, Alegre 2, Sadong 2.

KHS 31 – Pialug 10, Ada 7, Lara 4, Jetly 4, Pelep 2, Halstead 2, Camacho 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-4, 30-11, 42-18, 46-31.

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Marianas High School's Reylynn Sapong, right, pulls up for a shot against a Kagman High School defender during their varsity game in the MISO caging last Thursday at the MHS Gymnasium.

WEEKEND SPORTS

Student-athletes shine

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Swimmers get ready for the start of the 50m freestyle race in last week's 18th SSC All Schools Swimming Championship held at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Student-athletes proved their worth in last weekend's competitions.

In the 18th SSC All Schools Swimming Championship held at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi, students from Whispering Palms, Saipan Community School, and Grace Christian Academy gave their respective teams honors.

Whispering Palms won the elementary division of the All Schools meet, while SCS and GCA prevailed in the junior high and high school categories, respectively.

For the outstanding individual performances in the same meet, SCS' Kento Akimaru made two records in the boys 9 to 10 age group, while GCA's Angel Marie Tan and Garapan Elementary School's Lukas Kang logged one age group mark each.

In the MISO boys volleyball league, Saipan International School and GCA kept their unbeaten records, while Marianas High School also protected its undefeated mark in the MISO girls varsity caging last week.

In basketball, the Blue Haus caging finally wrapped up with Cell Pro beating MBI in the finals in overtime, 91-88. The championship game was postponed several times due to rains before the match was finally played at the Garapan Basketball Court last week.

Still in basketball, the Shirley's caging opened its third season at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium with defending champion Pacific Islands Club/NVM, Mobil, and DFS winning their opening games.

Also opening last week was the NMIFA Men's Fall League at the Oleai Sports Complez. Field. MP United A and B and Wild Bill's won in the opener

Still in football, MP United 1 and Tan Holdings prevailed in Week 4 of the NMIFA youth league to share the top spot in the boys U15 league.

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Yong Dong.

Last weekend's goodwill competition also featured a doubles event with Shi teaming up with Budhu Gurung in sweeping Guam's Hiromitsu Hamamoto and Matias in the championship game, 11-6, 17-15, 11-9.

The Saipan duo made it to the finals after winning over Guam's Edwin Cadag and Ordonez in the semifinals, 11-3, 11-8, 11-3. Hamamoto and Matias notched the second finals berth after outclassing Tinian's Cheng and Luke Lu in five sets, 11-8, 9-11, 14-12, 9-11, 11-8.

The runners-up were at the lower half of the eight-team doubles field and topped Tinian's Robin Lu and Liang in the first round to advance against Luke Lu and Cheng, who defeated father and son Tony and Eddie Huang of Guam.

Gurung and Shi won over Lim and Rodriguez in the other first round pairing to set up a semis duel against Ordonez and Cadag, who beat Su Yo Dong and Mr. Xu in the other first round match of the upper half bracket.

After reigning both in the singles and doubles competitions, Saipan recorded its first sweep of the goodwill tournament in years, following a victory in the team event. The host won over Tinian in the finals.

Trophies were given to the champions, runners-up, and semifinalists in the three events with Lim, president of the organizing Marianas Amateur Table Tennis Association, handing the awards in a brief ceremony at Great Restaurant in Garapan.

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five hits.

Diego Camacho led the game off with a single and was later driven home by A.J. Lizama. A hit later, Harry Nakamura drove in Keoini Lizama and Dave Hosono kept it going with an RBI single that scored Nakamura.

The Ol'Aces' Frankie Camacho notched a hit and scored off an error to put his team ahead, 5-1, in the top of the second inning before returning to the mound where he stuffed the Fielders again three up and three down in the bottom frame.

The Fielders kept a lid on the Ol'Aces in the third inning and managed to hit the board with a run in the bottom frame, as Poland Masaharu drove in Kai Wanket with an RBI fielder's choice.

The Ol'Aces answered in the top of the fourth and sprung ahead, 8-1, and were just a home run shy of batting the cycle in the inning.

Ninth batter Lancaster Secharmedal started things off with a base hit and was moved over to third base off a double by Camacho. Then an out later, Keoni Lizama cleared the bases with a two-RBI triple before scoring off an error.

The Fielders managed a runner, but came up empty in the bottom frame.

Both teams drew blanks in the fifth inning, as the Ol'Aces left men stranded at third and second base. The Fielders endured their third 1-2-3 inning of the game as Nakamura came to the mound for Frankie Camacho.

The Aces continued to hammer the ball and added four more runs in the sixth inning.

Frankie Camacho reached and scored off errors and Keoni Lizama singled home A.J. Lizama. Then Nakamura reached on a fielder's choice and scored off an error, and Jake Flores drove in Rocco Reyes before the Fielders could stop the bleeding. The Ol'Aces added two more runs in the top of the seventh off a wild pitch and a sacrifice fly by A.J. Lizama.

The Fielders then mustered just one run in the final stand.

Keoni Lizama batted 3-for-4 with three RBIs and two runs in the win. Frankie Camacho and A.J. Lizama also had good games with the former going 3-for-4 with four runs, a base on balls, and a stolen base, and Lizama swinging 3-for-5 with two runs and two RBIs. Winning pitcher Frankie Camacho gave up just one run off one hit in four innings with a strikeout.

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played lax, allowing GPPC to catch up in the second period and hand the former its second loss in as many games.

Grillin led early, 17-5, and ended the opening canto with a 19-10 advantage. Then in the second canto, GPPC began picking up its scoring with Alex Ocampo nailing 12 points to put his team on top at the break, 34-30.

GPPC hung on to the driver's seat in the third, 50-45, as Grillin' failed to catch fire in that period with no player making more than one field goal for the squad. Lerio Pagarao scored only four points and went 2-for-4 at the stripe, while Ocampo and Oscar Jalandoni combined for 10 markers for GPPC.

In the fourth period, it was Randy Mungcal who carried the cudgels for GPPC, making up for his so-so game in the first three quarters. Mungcal had 12 points in the fourth canto after scoring only five in the first three frames. He also canned crucial free throws to seal the win for GPPC, going 4-for-8 from the foul line. Ocampo chipped in seven, including three charities.

Grillin' tried catching up in the fourth, but fell short after missing several charities. The team went 8-for-18 from the stripe.

Ocampo paced GPPC with 29 points, while Pagarao nailed 15 for Grillin', but could have made more points if he did not baby most of his fastbreak shots.

DFS 84, Wushin 76

In the first game, DFS gained a share of the lead with Mobil (2-0) after beating Wushin.

DFS controlled majority of the match, but was threatened in the last two minutes of the game when Wushin moved within four, 74-78.

A rally-halting jumper from Junar Guiab saved DFS.

Jack Lizama, Won Joo Jung, and Dan Barcinas top-scored for DFS with 13 points apiece, while five other players drilled at least six points each for the winning team. Jun Tabora led Wushin's losing cause with his game-high 26 markers.

Jung debuted for DFS with seven points in the first period, lifting his team to a 23-12 advantage. DFS kept the double-digit lead in the next two quarters behind Barcinas, Lizama, and Quincy Johnson, before Wushin attempted a comeback in the fourth.

First Game

DFS Galleria 84 – Jung 13, Lizama 13, Barcinas 13, Guiab 8, Rivera 8, Johnson 7, Iguel 7, Sablan 6, Miron 3, Chavez 2, Marino 2, Larrioza 2.

Wushin Corp. 76 – Tabora 26, Cosino 14, Santos 8, Ebuen 7, Patawaran 5, Villasan 4, Tibayan 4, Tobias 4, Farinas 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-12, 43-32, 63-48, 84-76.

Second Game

GPPC 80—Ocampo 29, Mungcal 17, Sampang 11, Tolentino 8, M. Tagle 5, A. Tagle 4, Jalandoni 4, Siega 2.

Grillin' 72 – Pagarao 15, Lerio 15, Kintz 12, Herrera 11, Galarse 10, Rotap 4, Ritual 2, Hernandez 1.

Scoring by quarters: 10-19, 34-30, 50-45, 80-72.

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Saipan sweeps ping-pong tourney

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Micronesian Games gold medalist Jean Shi bested the men's field in the singles division to complete Saipan's sweep of the 16th Marianas Goodwill Table Tennis Tournament last Saturday at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.

Shi, who won gold medals in the 2006 Micro Games here, topped last weekend's singles event after beating Tinian's Luke Lu in the championship match in four sets. Shi, the lone female competitor in the one-day tournament, took the opening set, 11-9, lost the second, 11-9, and then swept the next two, 11-6, 11-2, to end the title game.

The Saipan ping-pong player advanced to the finals after downing Tinian's Charlie Cheng in semifinals, 11-6, 11-9, 7-11, 11-5. Lu foiled an all-Saipan finals in the singles after outclassing Budh Gurung in the other semis duel, 6-11, 11-0, 11-4, 11-6.

Sixteen players from Saipan, Tinian, and Guam joined the single-elimination singles event with Luke Lu defeating Saipan's Todd Montgomery and Steven Lim in his first two games to book a semis outing against Gurung, who prevailed over Guam's Tony Huang and Red Ordonez.

In the lower half of the singles event, Shi ousted Guam's John Matias and Tinian's Liang Wei Bin to nail a semis seat against Cheng, who eliminated Guam's Pablo Rodriguez and Tinian's Su

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Saipan's Jean Shi returns to Tinian's Charlie Cheng during their singles game in the MATTA goodwill tournament last Saturday at the NMC Gymnasium.
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Ol'Aces enter SML youth finals

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The Ol'Aces stunned top-ranked Fielders 2, 14-2, in the semifinals of the Saipan Major League Baseball Association 2011 Summer/Fall Youth League last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield to clinch the first finals berth.

The Ol'Aces will battle the championship against the winner of the Fielders 2 versus Titanim semis tiff this Saturday at 2pm. Titanium advanced to the semis after winning over the Fielders 1 on technicality.

A rainfall later in the afternoon would have postponed the Titanium-Fielders 1 playoff match. But before calling off the game, the Fielders 1 was required to show up with at least a nine-player roster to enable coaches of both teams to settle on terms of a potential game suspension. With the Fielders failing to produce the required number of players, Titanum was awarded the win and will play the Fielders 2 in the do-or-die playoff match at 11am this Saturday.

The visiting Ol' Aces got to work early and busted out a 4-0 lead in the first inning off

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Ol'Aces' Keoni Lizama, pictured in this file photo, batted 3-for-4 in their 14-2 win over the Fielders 2 in the semifinals of the Saipan Major League Baseball Association 2011 Summer/Fall Youth League last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

GPPC stuns Grillin' for first win

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GPPC broke into the win column in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League after pulling off an upset over Grillin', 80-72, last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

The much older GPPC players capitalized on Grillin's too much complacency in the second quarter to bounce back from their 67-87 debut loss against Wushin in the league opener. Grillin' was slightly favored in the match, having a younger roster, led by Lerio Pagarao, and the core of the team that won the championship in the Blue Haus caging this year. However, after showing some brilliance in the first eight minutes of the first quarter, Grillin'

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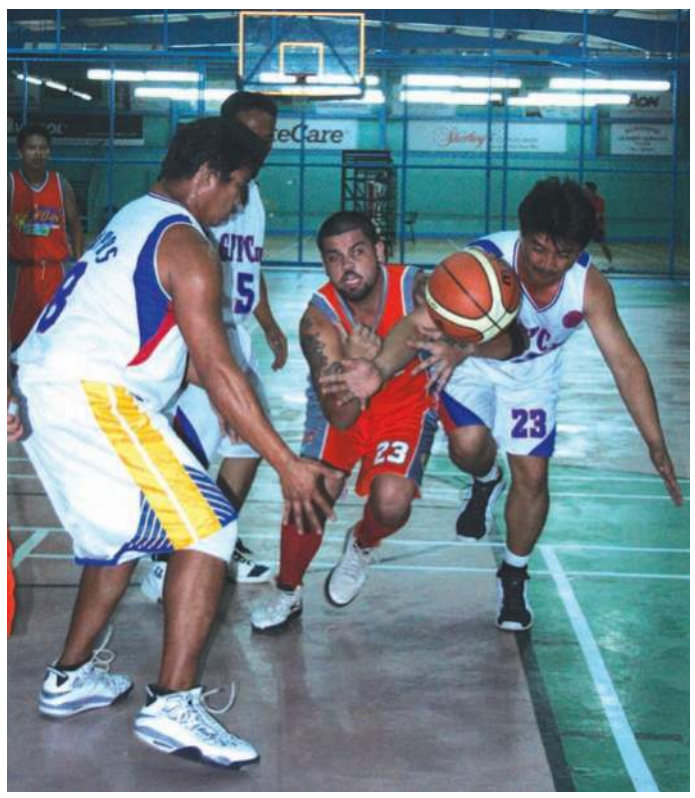

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GPPC's Oscar Jalandoni, right, and Grillin's James Kintz battle for the loose ball during the first quarter of their game in the Shirley's caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.